

Prairie County Board of Commissioners

February 25, 2022

Prairie County Board of Commissioners Todd Devlin, Christine Keltner, and Deanna Bockness met in regular session at 9 a.m. In attendance was Gary Pfiefler. Pledge of Allegiance was recited. Road minutes reviewed.

Mr. Pfiefler reported that he and Road Supervisor Henry are working on the Mine and Reclamation Plan for the Cherry Creek Gravel Pit but noted that per boundaries of the pit, there is a possibility that in 10 years the gravel will be depleted. Mr. Pfiefler will visit with the Shane Findley at the Bureau of Land Management regarding pit expansion and will also request a correct map as the State and Federal maps do not match.

Mr. Pfiefler reported he was contacted by Delynn Meidinger to research a road issue on T11N R53E S23.

9:30 a.m. Commissioner Keltner made a motion to accept the February 16, 2022, minutes as submitted. Motion seconded by Commissioner Devlin. All in favor, motion carried.

10:00 a.m. Clerk and Recorder Shari Robertson.

Time sheets reviewed and payroll and insurance warrants signed in the amount of \$117,907.78. General claims reviewed and warrants signed in the amount of \$9,043.19.

Clerk Robertson reported that County Attorney Dan Rice will prepare a resolution to create line items within the ARPA funds for project expenditures so that each project funded could be identified as per recommendation of Curt Wyss. Olness & Associates.

Commissioner Keltner made a motion to accept the following Prairie County Board recommendations:

Council on Aging: Tylene Eaton ex officio, Bob Brubaker and Winnie Harmel. Land Planning Board: Dennis Teske and Todd Tibbetts. Health Board Community Member: Colton Braddock. Motion seconded by Commissioner Bockness. All in favor, motion carried.

Discussion held on the inactive Cabin Creek Rural Fire District and non-compliance with MCA 7-33-2105 and 7-33-4510. Commissioners will contact County Attorney Dan Rice to update a Petition and Resolution to Dissolve the Cabin Creek Rural Fire District. Commissioner Keltner will follow up on this process with constituents located in the district.

11:30 a.m. Public Comment Dennis Teske dropped off the Montana Legislative Guide 2021-2022 and other literature.

Aaron Martinson requested a letter of support from the Commissioners for Roping Club grants for fairground arena improvements. The Roping Club received bids on a water well, additional fencing, bucking, and roping chutes, and irrigation system for the arena. Mr. Martinson reported the Roping Club received a grant from Montana Dakota Utilities to update arena lights.

12:00 p.m. to 1:00 p.m. Lunch

1:00 p.m. County Extension Agent Sharla Sackman and the Annual Fair Board update. In attendance were Megan Pirtz, Tom Pisk, Aaron Martinson, and Cliff Householder. Per phone was Beth Epley, Eastern Plains Economic Development Corporation. 1:30 p.m. Clerk Robertson

Discussion held on American Rescue Plan Act minimal allocations funds for water and sewer projects for Prairie County in which the county is allocated \$393,458 to use or pass through to other organizations. Match money requirements also discussed. A zoom meeting will be set up for March 10, 2022, at 10 a.m. with Shawna Swanz, DNRC-ARPA, Great West Engineering, the Fair Board, and Commissioners to discuss if the fairground water/sewer project would be eligible.

Agent Sackman gave update on the pavilion project, roping club arena improvements, and on updating the system bump and run for race and calcutta payouts.

2:30 p.m. DES John Pisk Discussion held on DES being over budget on supply line due to pick-up decals, \$2378 for wiring and installation of 50-amp service for the Command Trailer and \$315.49 for other covid-19 response items. An authorization form has been initiated for a budget resolution to increase appropriations to the DES budget.

3:00 p.m. Resolution No. 22-16 A Resolution Approving an Amended Cattleguard Policy for Prairie County.

In attendance were DeLynn Meidinger, Steve Tibbets, Clifford Householder, Aaron Martinson, and Commissioners Devlin, Keltner, and Bockness.

Discussion held on: Prairie County has previously adopted a Cattleguard Policy, approved by Resolution 10-7, and desires to amend the same with respect to the County's authority to move or remove a cattleguard, and requiring compensation equal to the County's current rate for the cattleguard and installation costs to property owners who object to the removal or movement of a cattle guard which is situated on the owner's property.

After discussion, unanimous consensus of meeting attendees that amendment should not be passed.

Commissioner Devlin made a motion strike Resolution 22-16. Motion seconded by Commissioner Keltner. All in favor, motion failed to adopt Resolution 22-16.

Other road business: Steve Tibbets discussed culvert concerns on Ten Mile Road. DeLynn Meidinger and Aaron Martinson discussed excessive road crowning in areas causing truck safety concerns.

4:00 p.m. Correspondence from Becky Anseth, Infrastructure Program Manager noting the request for the extension of the Treasure State Endowment Program contract MT-TSEP-CG-19-991 for the Milwaukee Bridge Project is under review.

Clerk Robertson and Commissioners reviewed expenditure reports and noted road and sheriff fuel budgets are being depleted quickly due to the rising gas prices. A meeting with departments will be requested to address.

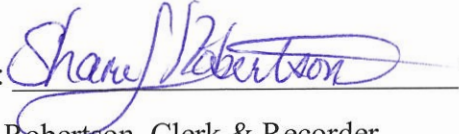
4:45 p.m. Commissioner Keltner made a motion to adjourn meeting. Motion seconded by Commissioner Bockness. All in favor, next meeting to be held on March 9, 2022, as Commissioners will be attending the MACO conference on March 2, 2022.

Signed this 9th day of March 2022.



Todd Devlin, Commission Chair

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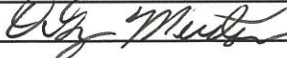
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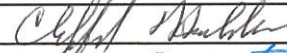
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