

Prairie County Board of Commissioners Meeting

April 30th, 2025

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. Pledge of Allegiance, public comment. Morning announcement MACo insurance was mistakenly taken off the agenda and will be added at 9:30 a.m. today.

Shane Eaton played a piece of recording from the Commissioners meeting on April 23rd, 2025 (1:30 minutes into recording). Commented that commissioner Devlin and Keltner made comments about Shane Eaton, he ask if the only reason they made the comment was to slander or defame his character and image. Shane asks the commissioners different questions about their comments, they said they didn't say that to defame him, they were made on history. He played another section of the recording about road easements. He commented about how the commissioners run their meetings unprofessionally. This is the second time he has had to defend his name in front of the commissioners.

Todd Tibbets comment: there are a couple of industrial developers that have approached county landowners. He commented on MACo and NextEra connection. He is asking that MACo come down and bring three years of books showing that NextEra is not a gold member and has not paid MACo.

Conversation about wind turbines and oil pipelines and MACo sponsorships.

Norma Peabody called into the meeting: has a question about the survey that was sent out. The survey showed that the people of Prairie County said we don't want wind turbines. We want you to stand up for us, the people of the county. Why are you not fighting for the people.

Shane Eaton said he has never been against wind but has been for regulation.

Conversation about zoning and other options that could have been put in place concerning industrial development.

9:35 a.m. Hope Barker with Montana Association of Counties, (MACo) Property and Casualty Insurance and Delite Dukart with Watts Insurance. Hope went over current insurance prices, insured property values, past claims and future possibilities.

10:25 a.m. The 2:00 p.m. agenda item is no longer on the agenda; they could not make it today.

10:25 a.m. County Attorney Dan Rice joined the meeting. Discussed the loan on the Front Loader. Road Supervisor Todd Henry updated the commissioners on road department activities and new hires.

10:40 a.m. Clerk & Recorder Sharie Robertson provided the commissioners with payroll and claims to review and sign.

Prairie County Voucher # 12 \$5,715.04

Prairie County Voucher # 1125 \$32,567.09

Prairie County Voucher # 1124 \$16,177.19

Prairie County Voucher # 1121 \$61,047.91

Prairie County Voucher # 1122 \$17,249.88

Prairie County Voucher # 1123 \$2,084.00

Prairie County Voucher # 1130 \$139,350.00

Prairie County Voucher # 1131 \$144.46

Prairie County Voucher # 1128 \$10,406.53

Prairie County Voucher # 1129 \$1,654.13

11:00 a.m. Commissioners reviewed expenditure sheets and had an update on the current election.

11:40 a.m. Commissioner Delvin read the minutes from the April 23rd, 2025, commissioners meeting.

11:47 a.m. Commissioner Teske made a motion to accept the minutes from the April 23rd, 2025, commissioners meeting, seconded by Commissioner Keltner, "all in favor" motion passed.

12:00 p.m. Adjourned for Lunch

1:25 p.m. Commissioner Devlin made a motion to hire Prairie Plumbing for \$50,900 to install water and sewer systems at the Fair Grounds, seconded by Commissioner Keltner, "all in favor" motion passed.

1:30 p.m. Terra Burman with Eastern Plains Economic Development Corp (EPEDC), with Milwaukee Bridge Project update, timeline etc. She also talked with them about the Terry Trail Plan that is currently in the works. The current plan for the Milwaukee bridge the start date moved to June of 2026.

2:00 p.m. Deputy Clerk & Recorder Aria Walters is asking for a decision on a new website build. Additional information is needed before a decision is made.

2:40 p.m. Clerk & Recorder Shari Robertson updated commissioners on District Court and Convention schedules.

3:00 p.m. Public Comment. Andrea Bybee with ambulance service updated the commissioners on equipment and installs. The commissioners had a brief discussion on the latest airport board meeting.

3:35 p.m. Commissioner Teske made a motion to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Commissioner Devlin, “all in favor” motion passed.

Signed this 14th day of May 2025

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Todd Devlin, Commissioner Chair

ATTEST:

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Shari Robertson, Clerk & Recorder