

Prairie County Board of Commissioners Meeting

April 27, 2022

Prairie County Board of Commissioners Christine Keltner and Deanna Bockness met in regular session at 9 a.m. In attendance were Road Supervisor Todd Henry and Road Specialist Gary Pfiefler.

Pledge of Allegiance recited. Road minutes reviewed. Commissioner Todd Devlin joined meeting at 9:20 a.m.

Discussion held on BARSAs Project. Road Supervisor Henry will contact Great West Engineering and advertise for bids.

Two cattleguard petitions received by Les Thomason. 1) Pumphouse Road T12N R50E Sec 13 s1/4 w1/4 2) Milwaukee Road T12N R50E Sec 23 s1/4 w 1/4. Commissioner Bockness made a motion to approve the petitions. Motion seconded by Commissioner Keltner. All in favor, motion carried.

Road Supervisor Henry reported that GPS coordinates were obtained on the Singleton Exploration test holes and submitted to Carissa Shilling at the Bureau of Land Management.

Gary Pfiefler reported he will be on vacation the first week of May.

10 a.m. DES John Pisk Discussion held on the wellhouse generator. An initial claim was filled out with MACO insurance. Call placed to Owen Devlin to access damage and repair the motor, if unable, motor will be taken to a machine shop to rebuild.

10:25 a.m. Ambulance Coordinator Jennifer Grey Eagle reported on ambulance repairs, audit, and inventory of equipment.

10:30 a.m. Action for Eastern Montana Results Orientated Management and Accountability (ROMA) workplan reviewed. Commissioner Bockness made a motion for Commissioner Devlin to sign the acknowledgement of the workplan. Motion seconded by Commissioner Devlin. All in favor, motion carried.

10:45 a.m. Discussion of the Draft Audit Report for the Year End June 30, 2021, prepared by Oleness & Associates. In attendance were Clerk & Recorder Shari Robertson, Deputy Clerk Aria Walters, County Attorney Dan Rice, and County Health Nurse Tylene Eaton.

The Prairie County audit was completed this week, and when final schedule of findings is received, Prairie County will prepare response to audit.

Discussion held on cost of having an auditor review and prepare the year-end financial statements, noting approximate cost would be in the range of \$9,000 to \$15,000. No decision made.

Discussion held on need to update the Rural Address Book, Prairie County Map Book, and the Prairie County Map. The Land Planning Board will be getting estimates on printing the Rural Address Book. KLJ will be contacted regarding cost to update the Map Book and the Prairie County Map.

11:30 a.m. Public Comment

Commissioner Keltner made a motion to accept the April 20, 2022, minutes as corrected. Motion seconded by Commissioner Devlin, all in favor, motion carried.

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

1:00 p.m. Payroll and claims. Commissioners reviewed timesheets and signed insurance and payroll related claims in the amount of \$131,439.62

Dan Harrington joined meeting at 1:10 p.m.

Commissioners reviewed general warrants in the amount of \$3,464.73.

Commissioners reviewed expenditure reports with Clerk & Recorder Robertson.

Clerk Robertson reported that she will be absent from the May 4, 2022, meeting.

Clerk Robertson will be submitting the ARPA Treasury Recovery Fund Project and Expenditure Reports which are due April 30, 2022.

Correspondence: Justice of the Peace Mary Bucher will be at training in Missoula, MT April 27 to April 30, 2022, with Fran Fleckenstein filling in as substitute.

2:00 p.m. Cabin Creek Fire District In attendance were Dan Harrington, Drew Householder, Brian Morast, and County Attorney Dan Rice.

Discussion held on the Dissolution of the Cabin Creek Fire District per Montana Code Annotated 7-33-2128. A petition for dissolution is in progress that requires the owners of 40% or more of the real property in the area and owner of property representing 40% or more of the taxable value in the area. The dissolution will be noticed in the local newspaper two weeks, notice will be sent to the landowners in the district, and a public hearing will be held in June.

Concerns addressed that the money in the Cabin Creek Fire District will be used to upgrade firetruck/tender for that area. The remaining money will be placed in a Cabin Creek Supply/Equipment line item in the budget that could also be used for grant match money. The County will be responsible for the fire district workman's compensation after the district is dissolved. County Attorney Dan Rice answered questions on utilization of funds which cannot be used for personal vehicles slide-ins and the sale of a used pickup would have to be done at public auction.

3:00 p.m. Commissioner Devlin made a motion to adjourn the meeting as he had prior out of town commitments. Motion seconded by Commissioner Keltner. All in favor, motion carried.

Signed this 4th day of May 2022.

  
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Todd Devlin, Commission Chair

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Shari Robertson, Clerk & Recorder