

Prairie County Commissioner Meeting

August 30, 2021

Prairie County Commissioners Todd Devlin, Christine Keltner, and Deanna Bockness met in regular session at 9 a.m. In attendance was Road Supervisor Todd Henry.

Road Supervisor Henry reviewed the affected pipeline haul roads and determined no further work is required of TC Energy. Call placed to Joey Borracci, TransCanada and written confirmation will be sent to Brock Taylor, Land Manager, for termination of the Haul Road Agreement.

Supervisor Henry presented an updated road sales and services price sheet for Commissioners to review. Commissioner Devlin made a motion to accept Road Supervisor Henry's recommendations for the updated charges for sales and services. Motion seconded by Commissioner Keltner. All in favor, motion passed. Supervisor Henry will present the updated cost sheet. New prices will be posted on the Prairie County Website.

Road crew has started mowing county roads this week.

August 16, 2021, minutes were reviewed. Commissioner Keltner made a motion to accept minutes as corrected. Motion seconded by Commissioner Devlin. All in favor, motion passed.

10:00 a.m. County Attorney Dan Rice joined meeting. Clerk & Recorder Shari Robertson in with timesheets and payroll.

Discussion held on an ambulance bill payment submitted to the Prairie County Treasurer's office instead of Pintler Ambulance Billing Services resulting in a refund payment by the County and making it difficult for the Clerk & Recorder to reconcile the ambulance accounts. The Treasurer's office was directed to inform constituents to make ambulance bill payments directly to the Pintler Billing Services to assure proper accounting practices.

Commissioners reviewed payroll and insurance claims and warrants were signed in the amount of \$136,555.77.

Prairie County Weed Department will be contacted to spray the weeds on the Courthouse sidewalk/street.

Commissioners reviewed the Area I Agency on Aging Contract Number 2022-001-05 for July 1, 2021, through June 30, 2022, for nutrition services and other community-based support funded by the Older American Act. Prairie County will be required to furnish \$3,341 in matching funds for this contract to match the Area I Agency's contribution of \$39,679.00 which includes \$4,782.00 of HDC5 (COVID) funding. Commissioner Bockness made a motion to sign the contract. Motion seconded by Commissioner Keltner. All in favor, motion passed.

Commissioners reviewed the Sanitarian Contract with Dawson County from September 1, 2021, through August 31, 2022, for \$6781 plus mileage and travel from Dawson County. Brant Gordon, Registered Sanitarian, will provide the Prairie County Sanitarian Services. Commissioner Bockness made a motion to accept and sign the contract. Motion seconded by Commissioner Keltner. All in favor, motion passed.

Clerk & Recorder Shari Robertson reported on the technical issues and requirements of the American Recovery Program Reporting that make it difficult for counties to submit reports.

Discussion held on use of ARPA funds for digitization of records and documents. Curt Wyss, Auditor noted in support of the public health response: For Covid-19 mitigation efforts, the argument for records digitization would apply to mitigation efforts.

Reviewed correspondence from Shepherds Stainless for a used stove hood for the County Community Center for \$4000 less than the new hood.

Commissioners authorized the Clerk & Recorder to replace the leaking window in the Clerk & Recorder's office.

Commissioners reviewed general claims and signed warrants in the amount of \$18,935.76.

Commissioner Keltner made a motion to sign Records Destruction RM 88 for ambulance accounts receivable 2012-2016 and district court monthly fees 2011-2014. Commissioner Bockness seconded the motion. All in favor, motion passed.

11:30a.m. Public Comment-no one in for public comment.

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

1:00 p.m. Discussion on Milwaukee Bridge Project

Call placed to Eric Bryson, Montana Association of Counties, after his having a conversation with Neal Christenson, Western Federal Lands Highway Division. Mr. Christenson reported on outstanding items on the capability assessment that need to be resolved regarding findings on previous audits before Prairie County can administer the project. Mr. Bryson suggested to send a statement from the auditor on the updated findings.

2:00 p.m. County Health Nurse Tylene Eaton in with Maternal and Child Health Block Grant Program Master Contract Task Order 22-25-5-01-040-0 to provide maternal and child health services in the timeframe of October 1, 2021, to September 30, 2022, for \$3,150. Commissioner Bockness made a motion to sign agreement. Motion sectioned by Commissioner Keltner. All in favor, motion passed.

Discussion held on Meals on Wheels substitute delivery personnel during vacations. Per contract and County Attorney Dan Rice, the Contractor is responsible for the substitute, including vehicle insurance and compensation to employee and neither Contractor nor Contractor's employees shall be deemed as County employees.

2:30 p.m. Commissioners Devlin, Keltner, and Bockness attended the Transportation Special Meeting regarding school bus routes. In attendance were Superintendent/Principal Mike Ehinger, School Clerk Jody Huber, Superintendent of Schools Noell Martinson, and per telephone Jessica Thomason.

2:50 p.m. Commissioners took drive to view county property of the old ball field and tennis courts at Town Park.

3:00 p.m. Ambulance Coordinator Jennifer Grey Eagle in to discuss upcoming EMT class and wished to charge a fee to attend which would be refunded upon hire and working for the ambulance department. The attendee will be responsible to purchase the book for the class.

4:00 p.m. Mayor Rolaine Christofferson

Discussion held on request received by Commissioner Keltner to use county lot for placement of a tennis court.

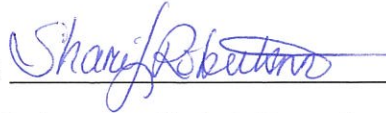
4:30 p.m. Commissioner Devlin made a motion to adjourn meeting. Motion seconded by Commissioner Keltner. All in favor, motion passed.

Signed this 7th day of September 2021.



Todd Devlin, Commission Chair

ATTEST:



Shari Robertson, Clerk & Recorder