

Prairie County Board of Commissioner Meeting

February 2, 2022

Prairie County Board of Commissioners Todd Devlin, 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 was recited.

Road minutes were reviewed.

Mr. Pfiefler presented the Mine and Reclamation Plan template for the Bureau of Land Management gravel pit projects. Commissioner Devlin suggested to use bullet points in the document to identify key items and points of reference. BLM was given a copy to review and make comments.

9:30 a.m. County Attorney Dan Rice consulted to add a clause that would include Acts of God provisions related to natural disasters. Attorney Rice noted this be included in the actual agreement signed with BLM and that the project plan would not be a binding document.

Mr. Pfiefler is working on the Free Use Permit Applications for the gravel pits. Discussion held and call placed to Adam Kauth on consultation letters from the Sage Grouse Program for the Chapman, Cabin Creek, Cherry Creek, and Singleton pits. Mr. Kauth sent email explaining process forward.

10:00 a.m. County Attorney Dan Rice and Clerk & Recorder Shari Robertson Discussion held on the disposition of bodies and burial of persons on private property. County Attorney Rice will prepare a resolution and a public hearing will be held on February 16, 2022.

10:30 a.m. Clerk & Recorder Shari Robertson Discussion of using ARPA funds for the annual fee with the Arca Search data base and the emailed response (2/1/22) from Curt Wyss noting that if the service is required to keep the database active, then it would seem appropriate to use ARPA funding.

Correspondence: Department of Transportation notification of Bridge and Road Safety and Accountability Act (BaRSAA) 2022 allocation in the amount of \$56,104.04.

Clerk Robertson reported on a delinquent water well bill for years 2017-2022 in the amount of \$1800 and not able to contact the delinquent party. Matter turned over to County Attorney Dan Rice.

11:00 a.m. Floyd Fuhrman in with current spraying license and reported need for mosquito spray supplies. Mr. Fuhrman will meet with Mosquito Board to plan for upcoming season.

Commissioner Keltner made a motion to accept the January 26, 2022, minutes as corrected. Motion seconded by Commissioner Devlin, all in favor, motion passed.

Commissioner Devlin made a motion to accept the ARPA project for Prairie County, MT-Option E Digital Preservation of Historical Records and Addition to the Existing site proposal #11152021P1V1e January 24, 2022, with project estimate \$66,136 and Compass Eclipse Research System Annual Fees of \$3,935. Motion seconded by Commissioner Bockness. All in favor, motion carried, and contract signed by Chair Devlin.

Commissioner Keltner made a motion to retain current Commissioner Chair, Todd Devlin. Motion seconded by Commissioner Bockness. All in favor, motion carried.

11:30 a.m. Public Comment Open

Beth Epley, EPEDC, form SF270 Request for Reimbursement for the USDA Rural Development Grant for the Fallon Flats Irrigation Feasibility Study in the amount of \$22,065.92.

Call received from Shane Findley, Miles City Bureau of Land Management. Discussion of Cherry Creek Pit and Prairie County request to make it a priority.

Review of Prairie County Delinquent Tax report as of 2/2/2022.

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

1:00 p.m. Deputy Clerk Aria Walters in with claims. Claims were reviewed and warrants signed in the amount of \$56,490.29.

2:00 p.m. Commissioners worked on contacting Prairie County Board chairs for their board recommendations for appointments of expired terms.

2:30 p.m. Clerk & Recorder Shari Robertson Commissioners and Clerk Robertson reviewed Expenditure Reports and percentages of budget used to date 2/2/2022.

Clerk Robertson reported on Cyber Security Training offered by MACO. Clerk Robertson and Deputy Clerk Walters will be attending Election Certification in Billings from February 14-15, 2022. The regularly scheduled meeting for March 2, 2022, will be cancelled due to Mid-Winter Convention and a special meeting will be held March 9, 2022, for Commissioner business.

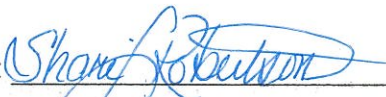
Commissioner Devlin made a motion adjourn meeting at 3:30 p.m. Motion seconded by Commissioner Bockness, all in favor, motion carried.

Signed this day 16<sup>th</sup> of February 2022.



Todd Devlin, Commission Chair

ATTEST:



Shari Robertson, Clerk & Recorder