

Prairie County Board of Commissioners Meeting

January 19, 2022

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. Pledge of Allegiance recited.

Commissioner Keltner reported that she will be attending the South Eastern 911 meeting in Miles City at 1 p.m.

Road minutes reviewed. Supervisor Henry reported the crew has been doing equipment maintenance and he hired One Shott Repair to replace the oil cooler in the 140G grader.

The road crew hauled gravel on Cherry Creek and Cap Rock Roads.

Supervisor Henry reviewed the road equipment, buildings, and vehicles for the MACO insurance coverage.

10 a.m. Delite Dukart Montana Association of Counties Property & Casualty Trust.

Commissioners reviewed and updated the county buildings, vehicles, and equipment. Chair Devlin signed the 2022 PCT Renewal form.

10:30 a.m. Clerk & Recorder Shari Robertson, Deputy Clerk Aria Walters, and County Attorney Dan Rice.

Discussion held on the National Union Fire Insurance policy for the ambulance which has been in effect since 1977 when the ambulance was strictly volunteer service. The ambulance is currently under workman's compensation. Additional insurance is not provided to other departments; therefore, it was decided to be terminated.

11:00 a.m. Commissioner Keltner made a motion to accept the minutes as corrected. Motion seconded by Commissioner Devlin. All in favor, motion passed.

Road Specialist Gary Pfiefler in to discuss the Cherry Creek Pit, Prairie County (MTM103535-FUP) with expiration on March 21, 2022. Mr. Pfiefler is working on the plan which must include mitigation to prevent site trespass. The City of Terry will operate through the County's permit and the City's production will need to be reported separately from the County use. The Cherry Creek Pit Contract Use Permit is pending as needs mitigation to prevent site trespass.

Phone call placed to Adam Kauth, Montana Sage Grouse Habitat Conservation Program, regarding Little Sheep Mountain Pit (MTM109580) Sage Grouse Habitat Project 4125. Prairie County will submit a compensatory mitigation obligation of \$1,128.16 to be deposited in the Montana Sage Grouse Stewardship Fund. as provided in MCA 76-22-111.

Commissioner Keltner reported the county received \$1090.00 from the Montana-Dakota Utilities Commercial Lighting Incentive for the conversion of the fluorescent light fixtures to LED in the Prairie County Courthouse.

Commissioners completed registration for the Montana Association of Counties Midwinter Conference to be held in Billings February 28-March 2, 2022. Commissioners will meet on March 9, 2022, instead of March 2, 2022

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

1:00 p.m. Clerk & Recorder Shari Robertson and Deputy Clerk Aria Walters.

Commissioner Devlin signed Records Destruction Document (RM88) for 2012 voter absentee requests for county, state, and federal elections, and request letters for copies of birth certificates 2000-2019 and death certificates from 2003-2019.

Decision made and claim placed to pay the Little Sheep Mountain Sage Grouse Habitat Project 4125 for \$1,128 from Federal Mineral Royalty Purchased Services 2894.000.202.411240.300.

Commissioners Devlin and Bockness reviewed claims and signed warrants in the amount of \$21,433.66.

Discussion held on the Montana State Fund workers compensation penalty of \$2075.83 for unpaid premiums when the workers compensation fund was switched from MACO to Montana State Fund. The current fire fighter's workman's comp rate runs approximately \$360 per quarter. A budget adjustment resolution will be done to create a fund line for employer contributions in the fire department fund for payment of the workers compensation premium. The amount of \$3,500 will be appropriated for the volunteer fire fighters' workers compensation premiums and will be transferred from Mineral Royalty Contributions 2894.000.202.41124 .140.

1:30 p.m. Arca Search Proposals Clerk Robertson will contact Peter Fox to adjust the proposals containing the items having highest priority for preserving.

2:15 p.m. Commissioner Bockness made a motion to accept Treasure's Investments in the amount of \$2,931,064.63. Motion seconded by Commissioner Devlin; motion passed.

2:30 p.m. Commissioner Bockness made a motion to renew the Prairie County Chamber Dues for 2022 in the amount of \$50. Motion seconded by Commissioner Devlin; motion passed.

2:45 p.m. County Health Nurse Tylene Eaton in with Task Order Amendment Number Four for the Public Health Emergency Preparedness Task Order Number 20-07-6-11-043-0. The Department will pay Prairie County \$27,392 for July 1, 2021-June 30,2022 Commissioner Bockness made a motion to sign Amendment Number Four, seconded and signed by Commissioner Devlin.

County Nurse Eaton reported the transportation van has a cracked windshield and it will be repaired with deductible of \$450.

3:00-3:30 p.m. Break

3:30-4:00 p.m. Personnel Policy Review and Discussion. County Attorney Dan Rice reported that revisions have been made to update and or clarify, the updated draft will be sent to department heads to review, and another meeting will be scheduled to finalize.

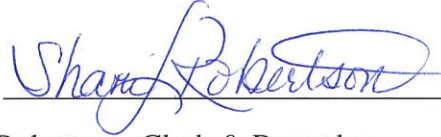
Commissioners adjourned meeting at 4 p.m. Commissioner Devlin to attend the Eastern Plains Economic Development Annual Meeting in Glendive Montana.

Signed this 26th day of January 2022.



Todd Devlin, Commission Chair

ATTEST:



Shari Robertson, Clerk & Recorder