

Prairie County Board of Commissioners

July 14, 2021, Budget Meeting Minutes

Prairie County Board of Commissioners Christine Keltner and Deanna Bockness and Clerk & Recorder Shari Robertson meet for Budget Meetings at 8 a.m.

8 a.m. Road-Road Supervisor Todd Henry

State Fuel Tax Allocation for 2021 is \$44,235.72 with one road salary being paid from account. Bridge Salaries/Employee Contributions \$110,000 Need to include Commissioner Road Salaries and Contributions \$21,840.

Transfer to BARSA needed \$2510 for 5 % match and \$164,846.93 in BARSA project account.

Road Supervisor proposed a Longevity Proposal for after 5, 10, and 15 years of service, an additional \$.50 an hour be earned. After 20-25 years of service and additional \$.75 an hour should be given. Todd Henry will have 25 years in December 2021-so proposed \$.75 @\$1560 year and thereafter \$390 per year. Jeff will have 5 years in August 2022, therefor increase would be \$.50 @ \$1040 per year and \$250 thereafter. Tanner will have 5 years in August 2023, Wade in February 2025, and Adam in June 2026.

Quote placed for Walk & Roll Packer/Roller for \$24,910.00. Discussion of current outstanding loans for road department. Discussed increases in supplies and fuel.

2013 Cat \$45,018.94 2012 Cat \$38,799.70 2011 John Deer tractor \$8830.63 and the John Deer Grader \$23,505.32 Two payments need to be made on the tractor with late charge \$441.53. Total amount needed for road payments \$125,426.75. Discussion held on making payments early in year to avoid late charges.

10 a.m. Cemetery Board-Dale Hellman

2240 fixed assets changed to a .920 capital assets account.

Discussion held on providing the cemetery caretaker Medicare supplement as employee benefit.

Plans: South fence is no longer needed, entrance to cemetery will be upgraded, bucket truck will be fixed, and a new mower and vacuum have been purchased.

10:30 a.m. Coroner Dale Helman

Coroner fixed asset closed and money place into supplies. A new laptop, camera, and file cabinet were bought with covid money. Autopsy cost is \$2000 a piece. Sheriff Lewis is alternate coroner which requires continuing education classes.

Commissioner Bockness attended a Big Sky Passenger Rail Authority Meeting from 11:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. Clerk Robertson court session. Lunch.

1:15 p.m. Senior Center-Karen Rauch Commission Devlin joined meeting.

New stove and hood must be budgeted -capital improvement .904 account.

Questioned moving the Fallon Senior Endowment to the Senior Center or allow Fallon to have congregate meals until money is gone. Terry Senior Endowment has \$31,710.

2:00 p.m. Airport Authority-Dale Galland

Receives 2 additional mills for being an authority for total of 4 mills. Airport purchased a \$15,000 lawn mower with CARES money. First cares grant was \$20,000 and \$9,198 requested for reimbursement. 2nd CARES Grant is \$9000 and will need to be spent by March 2025.

Discussion on airport plans. Need EIS study and engineer design before wildlife fence can proceed.

3:00 p.m. Weed-County Extension Agent Sharla Sackman, Weed Board Members Lana Tibbets and Harold Gaub, Weed Supervisor Travis Lacquement.

Budget amended by Resolution 2021-13 last year for unanticipated revenue in weed control \$2000, BLM contract \$69,000, and contract services \$29,000. Expenditure increased for weed supplies \$45,000 and Weed Contract Services \$5000.

\$0.75 wage increase would be on Weed Supervisor only. Contract on BLM may shut down on BLM due to fire danger. Weed Department is looking for a pick-up to purchase and cost will be split between supplies/grants.

Travis Lacquement given permission to use county equipment to respond to fires outside of weed spraying hours, it would be on a volunteer basis, and he could be added to the fire volunteer services roster. Board Member Lana Tibbets requested compensation for all firefighters that respond.

3:30 p.m. Extension Agent Sharla Sackman

\$2000 increase to supplies and \$6000 for copy machine. Question if \$2000 of covid money could be used for technical equipment/communications. Has pass through funds for forage certification, etc.

3:45 p.m. Lana Tibbetts in to discuss maps prepared by the grazing district for constituents north of the river for firefighting and questioned why they were not used or passed out.

4:00 p.m. Fair Board -County Extension Agent Sharla Sackman, Board Members Aaron Martinson, Travis Choat, Cliff Householder, Tom Pisk.

Capital Project budget increased due to donations for 4-H concession improvement and pavilion project.

Question if covid funds could be used for water/sewer/irrigation for food safety and sanitation at fairgrounds. Had increased fair expenses last year due to cleanup, handwashing sinks, plexiglass, and spray bottles. (\$826.52 with \$85.52 being Extension).

PALS is no longer doing the Bump and Run event, so Fair Board is taking over operation.

4:30 p.m. Prairie County Library-Rolane Christofferson and Board Member Lois Pfeifle

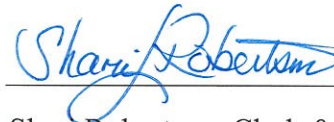
\$750 moved from fixed asset to supplies. Library Budget is based on prior year budget plus one-half of the average rate of inflation for the past 3 years by using the consumer price index. Department of Revenue figured rate at 0.93%. Last year budget \$56,960 plus 0.93% equals \$57,490.

Signed this 30th day of July 2021.



Todd Devlin, Commission Chair

ATTEST:



Shari Robertson, Clerk & Recorder