

Prairie County Board of Commissioners Budget Meeting

July 23, 2021

Prairie County Commissioners Todd Devlin, Christine Keltner and Deanna Bockness met in Budget Session at 9 a.m. In attendance were Clerk & Recorder Shari Robertson and guest Colton Braddock.

Reviewed current and with projected wage increase road salary and contribution report prepared by Clerk Robertson. Reviewed projected road revenues and projected newly tax values. Road Commissioner salaries changed to \$12,060 or 8 months of one commissioner, \$2200 in contributions, for total of \$14,260. Bridge Salaries changed to \$82,160, contributions \$20,800, total \$102,960. Road supplies creased to \$95,000 and road fuel to \$61,000.

11:00 a.m. Road Supervisor Henry Discussion held on revised road budget. Road crew will receive \$0.75 per hour wage increase. Discussed purchase of channel iron for the building of cattleguard and Mr. Henry will update costs cost of iron. Discussed used fuel storage tanks available from McKenzie County North Dakota and waiting for more information.

12:00 p.m. – 1:00 p.m. Lunch

1:00 p.m. Reviewed budget worksheets with following changes:

Account 1000.432.500.390 added Irrigation Purchased Services \$60,000

410350 Increased Audit Purchased Services to \$20,000. CBG grant \$10,000 for audit services will be transferred.

440105 Sanitarian Contracted Services. Reviewed letter of resignation from Sanitarian Mike Rinaldi effective August 1, 2021. Message left with Richland County Sanitarian Services. Budget increased from \$8000 to \$12,000.

440700 Mosquito -transferred \$5000 to a 4010- capital improvement account.

460100 Library -budget figured per 15-10-420 MCA “a government entity authorized to impose mills may impose a mill levy sufficient to generate the amount of property taxes actually accessed in the prior year plus one-half of the average rate of inflation for the prior 3 years. Library endowment full amount will be budgeted.

430900 Cemetery -Caretaker Art Henry will be invited to attend the July 30,2021 Commissioner meeting to discuss insurance and contributions. Budget increased to \$52,940 to include increased contributions.

460460 Museum budgeted cash available \$4877.79

411800 Health Insurance Premium Permissive mill levies will bring in \$178,655.90, \$10,000 in reserves and account will be short \$40,000. \$40,000 will be transferred in from CARES Money as not increase all departments employee contributions.

3:15 p.m. Weed Department-County Extension Agent Sharla Sackman. Cash available less than last year and cash reserves are too high. Cash reserves decreased to \$21,500 and weed supplies decreased to \$65,000 for total budget \$218,867.

3:40 p.m. Larry Bond in to discuss water well and problem may be a pressure tank with cost up to \$2000 to fix. Account 411200 water well fixed asset to be closed and the supply line item increased.

Auditor will be consulted on the 430230 Fallon Light Utilities and cash available. Fallon Garbage is now a district and to be changed to a 7365 account.

441180 Covid AMDD grant \$9.18 transfer and account will be closed.

411240 Oil and Gas/Minerals budgeted cash available. Road Equipment payment budgeted in Mineral Royalty cap assets. Capital asset accounts budgeted actual amounts.

480100 Soil Conservation Account will be budgeted cap amount.

RESOLUTION #2022-1 PRAIRIE COUNTY ELECTED OFFICIALS' SALARY SCHEDULE
FISCAL YEAR 2021-22

WHEREAS Section 7-4-2504, Laws of the State of Montana, states the county governing body shall by resolution on or before August 1 of each year adjust and uniformly fix the salaries of certain county officers by adding to the annual salary a cost-of-living increment based upon the schedule developed and approved by the county compensation board as provided for in 7-4-2503(4) M.C.A.; and,

WHEREAS the County Compensation Board made the following recommendation: consider across the board raises in an amount not more than \$0.75/hour and not less than \$0.50/hour.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of County Commissioners, Prairie County, Montana, at a special budget board meeting July 23, 2021 approved the recommendation of \$0.75 an hour band retroactive to July 1, 2021, and for the remainder of fiscal year 2021-2022.

Commissioner Bockness made a motion to adopt Resolution 2022-1. Motion seconded by Commissioner Keltner. All in favor. Motion passed.

RESOLUTION #2022-2 PRAIRIE COUNTY CLASSIFIED EMPLOYEE SALARY SCHEDULE
FISCAL YEAR 2021-22

Commissioner Bockness made a motion to approve the recommendation of \$0.75 increase for hourly wage Prairie County classified employees. Motion seconded by Commissioner Kelter. All in favor, motion passed.

Clerk Robertson will made changes in budget documents and present at the next scheduled Commissioner meeting on July 30, 2021. Motion made by Commissioner Devlin to adjourn meeting at 5:00 p.m. Seconded by Commissioner Keltner. All in favor, motion passed.

Signed this 30th day July 2021.



Todd Devlin, Commission Chair

ATTEST:



Shari Robertson, Clerk & Recorder