

Prairie County Board of Commissioners Minutes

November 3, 2021

Prairie County Board of Commissioners Todd Devlin and Deanna Bockness met in regular session at 9 a.m. In attendance were Road Supervisor Todd Henry and Road Specialist Gary Pfiefle. Pledge of Allegiance was recited. Road minutes reviewed.

Regan Plumbing and Heating has been contacted to replace the boiler safety valve at the County Road Shop. MACO insurance will be notified after completion.

Commissioners Devlin and Bockness and Road Supervisor Henry will inspect cattleguards on North Bad Route Road and Chester Lane Road at 2 p.m. today.

Road Specialist Pfiefle will continue to work on the Bureau of Land Management application and mine/reclamation plans, the MDEQ permitting requirements, and habitat compensation to the Montana Sage Grouse Habitat Conservation Programs for the Cabin Creek, Singleton Exploration, Little Sheep Mountain, Cherry Creek, and Chapman gravel pits.

Road Supervisor Henry reported the BARSAA (fuel tax) funds of \$50,189.56 have been requested and received.

Supervisor Henry reported a mechanic has been called to fix the 772-road grader cylinder and injectors.

9:30 a.m. Commissioner Devlin attended zoom meetings with Senator Joe Manchin on PILT formula funding and at 10:00 a.m. with Senator Richard Shelby.

Commissioner Bockness reviewed claims and signed warrants of \$44,410.50. Commissioner Devlin reviewed claims at 10:30 a.m.

11:00 a.m. Fallon Village Council Sheila Dixon and Yvonne Rucen Rakes

Discussion held on options of placing metal chain fence, telephone poles, or concrete curb around the border of the Fallon Walther Park. Fischer Sand & Gravel was called for cost of concrete curb. Eastern Plains Economic Development Corporation Beth Epley will be contacted for grant funding. The Fallon Village Council will meet and notify Commissioners of their decision.

11:30 a.m. Public Comment

Call from Dennis Teske regarding the status of Fallon Irrigation Project and setting up the final public meeting. He will contact Beth Epley, EPEDC and Scott Aspenlieder, Performance Engineering.

County Attorney Dan Rice joined meeting and presented summarization of process that would need to be followed to sell the Manor property.

Clerk & Recorder Shari Robertson reported that Curtis Weiler, Program Officer for Addictive and Mental Disorders Division accepted Prairie County's four-year plan for Substance Abuse, Prevention, Rehabilitation, and Treatment. Prairie County's fourth alcohol tax revenue payment

for the state fiscal year 2021 is \$11,134.00. Eastern Montana Community Mental Health Center is the treatment provider for Prairie County.

Call received from Beth Epley, EPEDC with updates on the Fallon Irrigation and Milwaukee Bridge projects. Ms. Epley will research funding for the Fallon Park.

Commissioner Devlin made a motion to accept the October 29, 2021, minutes as corrected. Motion seconded by Commissioner Bockness. All in favor, motion passed.

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

1:00 p.m. Commissioner Bockness made a motion to accept the amended Resolution No. 2022-02 Prairie County Classified Employee Salary Schedule FY 21-22 with corrected wage calculations. Motion seconded by Commissioner Devlin. All in favor, motion passed.

Commissioner reviewed the setting of the Commissioner meeting dates for calendar year 2022 for having meetings on the first, third, and last Wednesdays of the month and meeting times from 9-12 a.m. and 1-5 p.m. or sooner if business is completed. Commissioners reviewed the 2022 holiday schedule and setting of claim due dates for calendar year 2022.

2:00-4:15 p.m. Commissioner Road Trip to review seven cattleguards on North Bad Route Road and three cattleguards Chester Lane Road with Road Supervisor Henry.

Commissioners visited with Peter Fox, ArcaSearch, who will prepare a proposal to scan additional records.

Meeting adjourned at 4:30 p.m.

Signed this 15th day of November 2021.



Todd Devlin, Commission Chair

ATTEST: 
Shari Robertson, Clerk & Recorder