

Prairie County Board of Commissioners Meeting

September 20, 2021

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.

Discussion held on the road grader with packer parked at Fallon that was noted on September 12, 2021, to have had a broken tire rim and the grader cab noted with trash. Commissioner Devlin requested Road Supervisor Henry to remind the road crew that failure to properly maintain County equipment is a violation of the county policy, and disciplinary action will be taken if not corrected. Supervisor Henry reported the tire rim and dust cap had been replaced.

Discussion held on 1911 Cedar Creek Survey Plat Township 13 & 14 N Ranges 49 & 50 E, Section 15 & 23. Road Specialist Pfiefler will obtain additional records from Dawson County Courthouse on N Bracket Creek Rd.

Mr. Pfiefler will attend the Terry Council meeting with a request letter for the City of Terry to operate the Cherry Creek gravel pit through the Prairie County's permit.

Supervisor Henry reported that mowing will be completed by the end of the week. Mr. Henry reported he picked up four 1000-gallon fuel tanks from McKinsey County, North Dakota for \$100 each.

Permit deposits will be refunded to Les Thomason for the installation of the electrical cable for a center pivot on Pump House Road. Permit deposit will be refunded to Haidle Farms for a 15" water pipe placement under the road at T12NR53E Section 1 NW ¼.

Discussion held on rising cost of supplies and iron to build cattle guards. Commissioners agreed upon up to \$25,000 be used from Oil/Gas supply line item 2899.000.202.4112.401.220 to be used for the purchase of supplies.

Montana Association of Counties Deputy Director Jason Rittal was contacted regarding current Covid-19 directives regarding employee quarantine. Per current guidance, the employee will have to use their own sick or vacation leave time.

10:00 a.m. Action for Eastern Montana ARPA Funding In attendance: Action for Eastern Montana Heather Handran and Stephanie Meek, Community Center Karen Rausch, Bob Brubaker, and Clerk & Recorder Shari Robertson.

Supportive Services IIIB money available for Prairie County is \$8,198.00 with 15% match for supplies and equipment. Congregate Meals IIIC1 money available is \$7,789.00 with 15% match. Congregate Meals IIIC2 money available is \$7,789 with 15% match. Home Delivered IIIC2 money available is \$6,693 for grab and go meals and supplies. Caregiver Support IIIE money available is \$3,550 with 25% match for respite care so the main caregiver can do errands. Area I Matchable Funds for Prairie County for amount of \$282 will be paid by Action for Eastern Montana. The IIIB, IIIC1 and IIIC2 money will be used towards the Community Center stove and hood, and to replace the carpet with laminate flooring.

Discussion held on having DIS Technology look at the Community Center computer as emails are not received. Discussion held on the possible need for a budget resolution to address to additional revenue and expense. An Action for Eastern Montana representative will attend the Prairie County Council on Aging meeting on October 20, 2021, at 2 p.m.

Glader Electric replaced the fluorescent light fixtures to LED at the Courthouse this week for cost of \$6,807 minus rebate of \$1500.

Commissioner Keltner made a motion to accept the September 7, 2021, minutes as corrected. Motion seconded by Commissioner Devlin. All in favor, motion passed.

11:00 a.m. DES John Pisk reported four fire radios purchased for \$238 each. Discussion held on whether the income received from the Command Trailer could be run as an enterprise fund. DES Pisk reported the new generator is currently being stored at Get R Done until TAB Electric is available to install it.

11:15 a.m. Commissioners reviewed Prairie County Treasurer Investments of August 2021 in the amount of \$2,689,541.13 and September 2021 in the amount of \$2,710,095.16. Commissioner Bockness made a motion to accept the August and September Treasurer's Investment Reports as presented. Motion seconded by Commissioner Devlin. All in favor, motion passed.

Commissioners reviewed the Delinquent Tax Report as of September 9, 2021. Commissioners reviewed letter from Barry E Green, Council Representative for the Rail Passengers Association in support of the "Big Sky Passenger Rail Authority.

12:00 p.m. Commissioners Devlin, Keltner, and Bockness attended the Prairie County Board of Health meeting in the courtroom. In attendance were Public Health Nurse Tylene Eaton, Health Officer Chip Mintz, Tobacco Prevention Specialist Deidre Dupuis, Hospital Administrator Burt Keltner, County Sanitarian Brant Gordon.

1:00 p.m. Commissioners reviewed claims and signed warrants in the amount of \$16,108.30.

1:30 p.m. First Reading of RESOLUTION NO. 2022-7 In attendance was Clerk & Recorder Shari Robertson.

A RESOLUTION PURSUANT TO §7-6-4006 OF THE MONTANA CODE ANNOTATED, AUTHORIZING AMENDMENT OF FINAL BUDGET FOR FY 2020-2021 TO ACCOUNT FOR UNANTICIPATED REVENUE AND EXPENSE.

The appropriations for the Final Budget for Fiscal Year 2020-2021 shall be increased in the following amounts:

1. Appropriations in fund 2150.000.202.440700.391 PAC Sheep Contract are increased in the amount of \$25.80 as the result of unanticipated expenses.
2. Appropriations in Cares Act Revenue Fund No. 2992.000.000.334994.000 are increased in the amount of \$471.00 as the result of unanticipated revenue.
3. Appropriations in fund 1000.000.000.341042.000- Election Fees are increased in the amount of \$471 for election related postage reimbursement (CARES Act grant funded), and a budget transfer in an equal amount is authorized from the following fund: 2992.000.000.521000.000 - cares Act Transfer Out.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a public hearing shall be held on the above proposed amendment to the Final Budget for Fiscal Year 2020-2021 on the 4th day of October 2021, at 10:30 a.m. in the Prairie County Court House. The Clerk & Recorder shall cause notice of such hearing to be published in the Terry Tribune, in accordance with §7-1-2121 MCA, at least 2 times with at least 6 days separating each publication.

SAID RESOLUTION READ AND PUT UPON ITS FINAL PASSAGE THIS 20th DAY OF SEPTEMBER 2021. Motion made by Commissioner Keltner to put on final passage. Motion seconded by Commissioner Bockness. All in favor, motion passed.

Reviewed FY 2021 Extension Agreement between Montana State University Extension and Prairie County Montana. The county provides support for the extension agent at a level of 65% of the Clerk/Recorder base salary of \$45,778.75 or \$29,756.75 for the extension agent. Commissioner Keltner made a motion to accept the agreement. Motion seconded by Commissioner Bockness. All in favor, motion passed.

Clerk & Recorder Shari Robertson reported that it will cost \$696 to update the Express Votes for the Town of Terry Election. Discussion held on BARS code numbers for Special Districts. Clerk Robertson reported the audit for Workman's Comp will be completed over email.

Commissioner Bockness made a motion to accept hiring Lonnie Kortum for the ambulance. Motion seconded by Commissioner Kelter. All in favor, motion passed.

Call received from Colonial Insurance representative requesting references-Clerk Robertson and Deputy Treasurer will provide references.

4:00 p.m. Commissioner Devlin made a motion to adjourn meeting. Motion seconded by Commissioner Bockness. All in favor, motion passed.

Signed this 18th day of October 2021.



Todd Devlin, Commission Chair

ATTEST: 

Shari Robertson, Clerk & Recorder