

Prairie County Board of Commissioner's Meeting

October 29, 2021

Prairie County Commissioners Todd Devlin, Christine Keltner, and Deanna Bockness met in regular session at 9 a.m. In attendance were Road Specialist Gary Pfiefler. Pledge of Allegiance recited. Road minutes reviewed.

Discussion held on Warner Road (Brackett Creek) road research, road law, and upcoming meeting. County Attorney Dan Rice will review findings prior to meeting at 1 p.m. today.

9:45a.m. County Attorney Dan Rice joined meeting.

10:00 a.m. Clerk & Recorder Shari Robertson reported that Resolution No. 2022-02 Prairie County Classified Employee Salary Schedule FY 21-22 will need amended due to incorrect wage calculations on four employees. Errors corrected and the employees given retro pay.

Commissioners in agreement that the Glader Electric bill for LED light fixtures at the Courthouse will be paid from 4010.000.202.411200.940 General Building Capital Assets.

Commissioners reviewed timesheets and signed payroll and insurance warrants in the amount of \$150,286.56

10:30 a.m. Marshall and Megan Pirtz in to discuss the restarting AAU youth wrestling program and request for covid money for wrestling mats which cost \$10,000. Commissioner Bockness discussed the county projects that will need to be addressed first. Megan Pirtz informed Commissioners that the previous disbanded wrestling program dispersed \$3000 to community and county entities. Commissioners will take the request under consideration and with no decision made.

Discussion held on the vacant Manor Building. County Attorney Dan Rice joined meeting to research the law to put the building up for sale or lease. Montana Code Annotated 7-8-2513 states that before sell, exchange, or lease lands with estimated value more than \$20,000 that the lands be appraised by a disinterested certified general real estate appraiser to determine the value of the land and the board of commissioners may not sell, exchange, or lease lands less than the appraised value. A county can donate or sell property at reduced price to a corporation for the purpose of constructing permanent low-income multifamily housing subject to public hearing, notice, and resolution. Matter tabled for further discussion.

11:30 p.m. Public Comment Open

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

1:00 p.m. Prairie County Road Public Hearing and Decision on the petition to declare Warner (Bracket Creek Road) as a county road. In attendance were Scott Eaton, Shane Eaton, Jessie Smalis, Barb Smalis, Dan Thomason, Lana Tibbetts, County Attorney Dan Rice, Road Specialist Gary Pfiefler, Commissioners Todd Devlin, Christine Keltner, and Deanna Bockness.

Commissioner Devlin presented the proposed findings of the Prairie County Commissioners regarding the referenced road petition containing the research, and general discussion of access alternatives other than the declaration of the Warner Road as a county road. (Proposed Findings Attachment to Minutes)

Commissioners considered comments from the public.

Commissioner Devlin called for motion to approve the Warner Road Petition. No motion was made. The petition died for the lack of motion, and as a result, was denied.

Commissioner Bockness made a motion to adopt the Proposed Findings with motion seconded by Commissioner Keltner. All in favor, motion passed.

Shane Eaton commented on cattleguard issue on Chester Lane Road. Commissioners will travel and inspect the cattleguards, matter will be placed on a future Commissioner agenda, and a meeting will be set up with the affected parties.

2:00 p.m. Discussion of the Hartford Steam Boiler Inspection for Montana Association of Counties Property & Casualty Trust regarding the Road Shop boiler. The boiler safety valve must be replaced with an ASME certified valve set at required pressures. Road Supervisor Henry has been emailed report and to obtain part and have certified boiler plumber to install.

Commissioner Keltner made a motion to accept the October 18, 2021, minutes as corrected. Motion seconded by Commissioner Devlin. All in favor, motion passed.

Commissioner Keltner reported she will be out of state for the Nov 3 meeting and Commissioner Bockness will be out of state for the December 7, 2021, meeting.

Clerk & Recorder Robertson discussed a new fire budget line item for the volunteer fireman's workman's compensation.

Clerk Robertson reported conversation with Aaron Eklund, Program Western Federal Lands Highway Division, who will present the Milwaukee Bridge Capabilities Assessment and Audit findings at the Program Decision Committee's December 8, 2021, meeting. The Program Decision Committee will then provide direction on the disposition of the project.

Commissioner Bockness made a motion to sign the completed four-year Comprehensive County Plan for Substance Abuse, Prevention, Rehabilitation, and Treatment: Alcohol Tax Dollars. Motion seconded by Commissioner Keltner. All in favor, motion passed. Plan will be emailed to Curtis Weiler, Program Officer for Addictive and Mental Disorders Division.

Reviewed Weed Department Safety Training and Commissioners will start a folder to track Department Safety meetings.

3:00 p.m. County Health Nurse Tylene Eaton in with Task Order Amendment Number One Take Order for Covid Immunization Services #22-07-4-31-136-0 for funding amount of \$10,557.00. Commissioner Bockness made a motion to sign Amendment. Motion seconded by Commissioner Keltner. All in favor, motion passed.

County Nurse Eaton presented information on funding for education on dementia resources. Information will be passed to the Prairie County Hospital, Council on Aging, Library, and Ambulance.

3:30 p.m. Pintler Billing Services Contract for ambulance billing services effective October 2021 to Jan 1, 2022. Contract was reviewed by County Attorney Dan Rice. Updated contract bills at a rate of 8% or a minimum of \$500/month with previous contract having no minimum. Commissioner Bockness made a motion to sign contract. Motion seconded by Commissioner Keltner. All in favor, motion passed.

Meeting adjourned at 4:30 p.m.

Signed this 3<sup>rd</sup> day of November 2021.



Todd Devlin, Commission Chair

ATTEST:



Shari Robertson, Clerk & Recorder