RESOLUTION NO. 25-04

A RESOLUTION APPROVING THE SUBMITTAL OF A MILL LEVY ISSUE TO THE VOTERS OF PRAIRIE COUNTY TO PAY FOR MAINTENANCE AND UTILITIES FOR THE PRAIRIE COUNTY MUSEUM COMPLEX.

WHEREAS, Prairie County owns certain real property and improvements located in the Town of Terry, Montana, within and upon which the Prairie County Museum complex is located; and

WHEREAS, Prairie County provides for major building maintenance for the buildings and grounds within the complex, and the tenant, the Prairie County Museum and Evelyn Cameron Gallery, Inc. (the "PCEC Museum"), provides for minor building maintenance and utilities for said buildings and grounds; and

WHEREAS, the PCEC Museum will be unable to afford the costs of utilities and building maintenance moving forward, as the result of increased costs and decreased revenue, and would like to submit to the voters of Prairie County a request to help fund the same, to ensure that the museum can remain operational within the County to support tourism and enjoyment by locals and travelers alike; and

WHEREAS, in order to proceed with an election to approve such funding, it is necessary and desirous that the Prairie County Commissioners adopt the following ballot language to present a levy to the voters to support the PCEC Museum and its mission, with said levy being used to fund the costs associated with utilities and maintenance of the Prairie County Museum complex buildings and grounds.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Prairie County Board of Commissioners as follows:

1. To submit to the electors of Prairie County in the November 5th 2024 election the question of whether to permanently impose a levy in the amount of two (2) mills to be used for utilities and building and grounds maintenance for the Prairie County Museum complex; and

2. To adopt the following ballot language:

Shall the Board of County Commissioners for Prairie County, Montana, be authorized to impose a permanent levy in the amount of two (2) mills to raise approximately $10,224 per year to be used to pay for utilities, and building and grounds maintenance, for the Prairie County Museum complex? If this levy passes, property taxes for a home valued at $100,000 would increase by $2.70 per year, property taxes for a home valued at $200,000 would increase by $5.40 per year, property taxes for a home valued at $600,000 would increase by $16.20 per year, and an increase in property taxes may lead to an increase in rental costs.

MILL LEVY – YES

MILL LEVY – NO

SAID RESOLUTION FINALLY PASSED AND ADOPTED BY THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF PRAIRIE COUNTY, MONTANA THIS 7th DAY OF August, 2024.

Todd Devlin, Chair Person

Dennis Teske

Christine Keltner

Attest: _____
Shari Robertson, Clerk and Recorder
by Aria Walters
Deputy Clerk & Recorder