

Prairie County Board of Commissioners Meeting

July 17th, 2024

*Prairie County Court House Commissioners Room
217 West Park St Terry, MT 59349*

Prairie County Board of Commissioners Christine Keltner and Dennis Teske met in regular session at 9:00 a.m. In attendance Commissioner Secretary Harry McNall. Commissioner Devlin is gone on official business.

9:00 a.m. Pledge of Allegiance & call to order. Commissioner Keltner went to the courtroom.

9:15 a.m. Road Supervisor Todd Henry joined the meeting to update the commissioners on the road department. Todd told the commissioners that he may be able to train one of the employees for him to get his CDL. Todd has a solid plan for mowing the roadsides this year, so that it's done before snow falls. He also has the possibility of setting up a water trailer, to have it ready in case of a fire. There was a discussion on the mill levy proposed.

9:40 a.m. Commissioner Keltner returned to the meeting.

10:00 a.m. Commissioner Teske made a motion to move the road department to 4 employees to raise wages, seconded by Commissioner Keltner, "open to discussion", Commissioner Teske called Commissioner Devlin into the conversation, they all agreed "all in favor" motion passed.

10:01 a.m. Discussion about what wages should be paid to each position by eliminating a position and increasing the wages of the remaining employees. Todd will update his job description with updated wages.

10:15 a.m. Commissioner Keltner made a motion to raise the wage for Road Department Employees, temporary position from \$18 to \$20 per hour and raising the permanent long-term employees by \$5 per hour and the newest hire by \$4 per hour, seconded by Commissioner Teske, "all in favor" motion passed.

10:30 a.m. Commissioner Keltner read minutes from the July 3rd, 2024, meeting.

10:37 a.m. Commissioner Teske made a motion to accept the minutes from the July 3rd, 2024, meeting as corrected, seconded by Commissioner Keltner, "all in favor" motion passed.

10:38 a.m. Karen Rauch for the Senior Center & Congregate Meals budget meeting. Clerk & Recorder Shari Robertson also joined the meeting. Discussion on equipment replacement needs for the future for the senior center. Discussion on what to do with funds involved in "senior center Fallon endowment". Commissioners ask the County Attorney Dan Rice about what to do with those funds, he explained those funds are county funds but should check with auditors first. The commissioners decided Shari could move the funds from the Senior Center Fallon endowment to the Senior Center Terry endowment, providing she checks with auditors before the move.

11:00 a.m. John Pisk with DES in to talk about the Senior Center Generator. John explained the history, progress and issues with installing the generator. Commissioners ask John Pisk to work

with the current electrician, to get the generator completed by the end of July 2024 or contract will end. If not completed by the end of July 2024, the senior center board will hire an electrician to complete the work.

11:30 a.m. Commissioner Teske called Eric Steele with Tab Electric about generator installation progress.

11:37 a.m. Commissioner Teske made a motion to switch the 2:30 p.m. agenda item with the 3:30 p.m. agenda item, seconded by commissioner Keltner, “all in favor” motion passed.

11:38 a.m. Commissioner Keltner read the minutes from the July 09, 2024, commissioner budget meeting.

11:44 a.m. Commissioner Teske made a motion to accept the minutes from the July 09, 2024, commissioner budget meeting, seconded by Commissioner Keltner, “all in favor” motion passed.

11:45 a.m. Commissioner Keltner read the minutes from the July 10, 2024, commissioner budget meeting.

11:54 a.m. Commissioner Teske make a motion to accept the minutes from the July 10, 2024, commissioner budget meeting, seconded by Commissioner Keltner, “all in favor” motion passed.

11:55 a.m. Sheriff Keiffer Lewis joined the meeting to discuss the possibility of purchasing a vehicle for his department. Also discussed what options there are for future purchases and covering the cost of that as well. He also notified the commissioners that he had lost the transmission in their Ford F150 vehicle.

12:05 p.m. Commissioner Teske made a motion to have Sheriff Lewis buy the 2024 Ram 1500 SSV for \$43,484.00, he will get a stockman bank loan seconded by Commissioner Keltner, “all in favor” motion passed.

1:00 p.m. Megan Kalfell, Gary Pfifle, Andy Pehl, and Mia Talon with Prairie County Hospital joined the meeting. Interim Treasure Cheryl Morrison phoned into the meeting. County Attorney Dan Rice joined the meeting. They joined the meeting to determine when the Hospital funds would be transferred out, Cheryl explained that it is a process and will take time, but there is a large amount coming due soon. Megan ask for a reduction in milage on a care transfer to Glendive from \$809 billed to the hospital by the ambulance service.

1:25 p.m. Commissioner Teske made a motion to accept a reduction in ambulance service bill of \$809 by ½ to be \$405, seconded by Commissioner Keltner, “all in favor” motion passed.

1:35 p.m. Deputy Clerk Aira Walters provided the commissioners with claims and journal vouchers.

FY 2023/2024 Claims

Prairie County Voucher # 1162 \$124.74

Prairie County Voucher # 1161 \$9,225.48

Prairie County Voucher # 1160 \$9,982.73

FY 2024/2025

Prairie County Voucher # 1004 \$129.80

Prairie County Voucher # 1002 \$11,192.38

Prairie County Voucher # 1003 \$5,660.75

2:05 p.m. Commissioner Keltner made a motion to sign RM88 for records that have met their retention dates according to Montana Code 7-5-2132, from the election's office seconded by Commissioner Teske, "all in favor" motion passed.

Journal Adjustment # 485 Health Insurance Premium.

Journal Adjustment # 486 for Homeland Security

2:12 p.m. Clerk & Recorder Shari Robertson joined the meeting to talk about the budget.

2:30 p.m. Public Comment (not on agenda).

2:42 p.m. Interim Treasurer Cheryl Morrison called into the meeting to talk with the commissioners about a letter from the Local Government Service Bureau.

3:00 p.m. Tylene Eaton Public Health budget meeting.

3:35 p.m. Commissioner Teske called Commissioner Devlin to discuss budget.

3:45 p.m. Andrea Bybee ask the Commissioner if the Ambulance could turn three bills into collections, the commissioners approved.

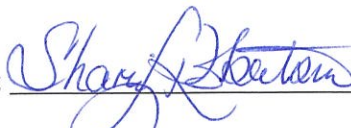
3:46 p.m. Commissioner Teske made a motion to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Commissioner Keltner "all in favor" motion passed.

Signed this 31st day of July 2024



Todd Devlin, Commissioner Chair

ATTEST:



Shari Robertson, Clerk & Recorder