

## **Prairie County Board of Commissioners Meeting**

November 13<sup>th</sup>, 2024

*Prairie County Court House Commissioners Room*

*217 West Park St Terry, MT 59349*

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Prairie County Board of Commissioners Todd Devlin and Dennis Teske met in regular session at 9:00 a.m. Christine Keltner was out at a doctor's appointment. In attendance Administrative Assistant Harry McNall.

9:00 a.m. Pledge of allegiance, call to order. Public comment on agenda.

9:10 a.m. Road supervisor Todd Henry joined the meeting. Discussion of Cherry Creek pit requirements from BLM are a breeding ground for noxious weeds.

9:40 a.m. Commissioners discussed the temporary position with the road department and the discussion on the 10/30/2024 commissioners meeting. County Attorney Dan Rice, and Clerk & Recorder Shari Robertson joined the meeting. Shari explained she didn't know about the temporary position and was not given the application and job description. Aria Walters did receive a application for that position, and went to Todd Henry.

Commissioner Teske took the conversation back a step and suggested that we can get through this issue without getting upset.

Commissioner Devlin explained that getting a new hire was Todd Henrys a top priority and paperwork was not as important, the process was not as important. Shari's office is concerned with interpretation of hiring and her office when processes are not followed.

Dan Rice ask who does the position postings for each department. Todd Henry explained that each department now does their own posting, with job applications picked up with the Clerk & Records Office. The newspaper ads do get posted by Clerk & Records office, when job descriptions are provided.

Dan Rice: what we don't know is how many people would have applied if the CDL requirement was removed from the job description.

There must be communication with the Clerk & Records office.

Dan Rice suggested extending this position and posting the position into newspaper etc.

Discussion on hiring and interviewing this position with a time frame.

Commissioner Devlin made a motion to extend the temporary road position to November 29<sup>th</sup>, 2024. seconded by Commissioner Teske, "all in favor" motion passed.

At this time there will not be a new temporary position posted or hired after the termination of this position.

Should we offer training options in the full-time position job description? Have the written CDL test done within a certain timeframe or the end of employment. Todd Henry said that the applicants should have a CDL permit before hiring.

10:38 a.m. Karen Rauch- Fill in cook position of temporary hire. County Attorney Dan Rice explained this position needs to be posted and then you can hire a temporary position.

10:45 a.m. Clerk & Recorder Shari Robertson provided the commissioners with the “Junk Vehicle Program”, asking to have junk vehicle left over money moved to junk vehicle capital improvement. We need to establish a fund for it. Dan Rice says that we need a resolution to create a new “Junk Vehicle Capital Improvement Fund”, if we are adding a budget amendment.

10:50 a.m. Commissioner Devlin made a motion to move surplus fundings from the Junk Vehicle Grant to capital improvements 4010, seconded by Commissioner Teske, “all in favor” motion passed.

10:51 a.m. Shari ask about Action for Eastern Montana federal funding grant, “Who pays the match”? Could not determine, will need to add to agenda to figure this out.

11:16 a.m. Greg Heidenthal wanted to ask about jake breaks and trains. Every morning, he hears jake breaks, he called the company. His question is on train horns, is there anything that can be done. County Attorney Dan Rice explained all the regulations are Federally regulated. Greg spoke with BNSF, and was told that its hard to work directly with train engineers on proper procedures. Greg explained that was his understanding as well, but had already put his name on the agenda and didn't want to not come to the meeting.

11:43 a.m. Commissioner Devlin read the minutes from the 10/30/2024 commissioner meeting.

11:58 a.m. Commissioner Teske made a motion to accept the minutes from the 10/30/2024 commissioners meeting as corrected, seconded by Commissioner Devlin, “all in favor” motion passed.

12:00 p.m. Lunch Break

1:00 p.m. Interim Treasurer Cheryl Morrison provided commissioners with an update on taxes and a mistake in billing that she will work on correcting for one tax property.

1:10 p.m. Deputy Clerk & Recorder Aria Walters provided the commissioners with claims, and election claims.

Prairie County Voucher # 1056 \$7,943.04

Prairie County Voucher # 1057 \$7,946.94

Prairie County Voucher # 1055 \$3,075.35

Prairie County Voucher # 1101 \$7,223.28

Commissioner Devlin made a motion to approved “RM88 for records that have met their retention dates according to Montana Code 7-5-2132 for Clerk & Recorders, HR, Payroll”, seconded by Commissioner Teske, “all in favor” motion passed.

3:00 p.m. Meeting moved to the courtroom, with The Prairie County Land Planning Board, Representatives from NextEra, Prairie County Commissioners Devlin and Teske.

Minutes from this meeting we will be with the Land Planning Board.

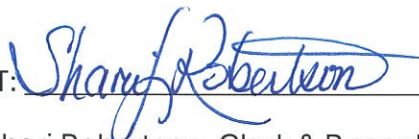
5:00 p.m. Commissioners left the meeting and adjourned the commissioner’s meeting.

Signed this 20<sup>th</sup> day of November 2024



Todd Devlin, Commissioner

ATTEST:



Shari Robertson, Clerk & Recorder