

## Prairie County Board of Commissioners Meeting

December 20<sup>th</sup>, 2023

*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.

9:06 a.m. Pledge of allegiance was performed. Public Comment on Agenda Matters.

9:15 a.m. Road Supervisor Todd Henry joined the meeting to discuss roads.

9:20 a.m. Commissioner Devlin joined the meeting.

9:34 a.m. Eric Urban phoned into the meeting to speak with the commissioners on Cherry Creek Pit. He needs Todd Henry to add/remove fence post for boundary markers. He believes the pit would fit into DEQ's dry land permit, instead of the standard permit. He recommends we stick with the standard permit. He went over soil stockpiles for reclamation and treatment.

Conversation between Eric and the commissioners consisted of what options and plans would be the most likely to pass BLM and DEQ's standards. He will set up a meeting for January 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2023, with BLM, DEQ and the County Commissioners.

10:09 a.m. Commissioner Teske made a motion to sign the extension for the Annual Financial Report, seconded by Commissioner Keltner, "open to discussion" "all in favor" motion passed.

10:10 a.m. Commissioner Teske made a motion for sign "Inter-local Agreement Formation, Authority and Administration of Abatement Region 1 for the Opioid Settlement", **motion withdrew from Commissioner Teske.**

10:14 a.m. Commissioner Teske made a motion that Commissioner Devlin will be the voting representative for Prairie County concerning "the Inter-local Agreement Formation, Authority and Administration of Abatement Region 1", Seconded by Commissioner Keltner, "all in favor" motion passed.

10:16 a.m. Commissioner Teske made a motion to sign "Inter-local Agreement Formation, Authority and Administration of Abatement Region 1 for the Opioid Settlement", seconded by Commissioner Keltner, "all in favor" motion passed.

10:33 a.m. Commissioners read minutes from the December 8th commissioner meeting.

10:40 a.m. Commissioner Teske made a motion to accept the minutes from the December 8<sup>th</sup>, 2023, commissioner meeting as corrected, seconded by Commissioner Keltner, "all in favor" motion passed.

10:41 a.m. Commissioner Teske made a motion to accept and sign the Healthy is Wellness contract for FY 24, seconded by Commissioner Keltner, "all in favor" motion passed.

10:44 a.m. Dale Tribby arrived at the meeting to update the commissioners on sage grouse EIS progress. This document will be open to the public for comment for 90 days sometime in 2024.

Do we want to ask the BLM to better define boundary changes in Prairie County, or do we just want to know that they have done something with our recommendations in the documents current form? Commissioner Teske suggested that we ask for a better map of Prairie County, showing changes etc. Commissioner Devlin asked for the pros and cons of asking for more details etc. Dale gave the commissioners his view on getting more information out on the land/habitat changes and suggested this could be addressed if needed during the 90-day comment period.

Dale Tribby asks the commissioners if they are okay with him submitting comments on behalf of Prairie County and CC commissioners on what he sent. The commissioners confirmed that they agree with his concerns and comments. He also commented that he will be close to the agreed number of hours for his contract at the end of the 90-day comment period.

11:30 a.m. Commissioners discussed various business.

11:50 a.m. Tylenne Eaton came in to go over the “Maternal & Child Health Block Grant” contract. The funding for October 2023- September 2024 in the amount of \$4000.

11:55 a.m. Commissioner Keltner made a motion to accept “Task Order Number HHS-ECFS-00000437 Division Invoice Number 24-25-5-01-040-0, Maternal & Child Health Block Grant Contract”, seconded by Commissioner Teske “all in favor” motion passed.

12:00 p.m. Commissioners attended Board of Health Meeting in the Commissioners room.

1:20 p.m. Deputy Clerk & Recorder Aria Walters provided commissioners with claims, journal vouchers, expenditure sheets and RM88 disposal form.

Prairie County Voucher # 1065 \$12,559.42

Prairie County Voucher # 1066 \$1,495.37

Prairie County Voucher # 167 \$142.16

Prairie County Voucher # 1064 \$52.00

Journal voucher adjustments #193, #194 with the final correction #196.

Journal voucher adjustments #179 voided check and #180.

1:50 p.m. Commissioner Keltner made a motion to sign the RM88 for records that have met their retention dates according to Montana Code 7-5-2132 disposal form for Clerk & Records office and dispose of said documents, seconded by Commissioner Teske “all in favor” motion passed.

1:55 p.m. Settlements for the law enforcement insurance Fneeds to go into account 4010 capital improvements for \$12,750.00.

1:56 p.m. County Treasurer Noell Martinson came into to have an RM88 signed, and Treasures Investment Report signed.

2:00 p.m. Public hearing referencing **Resolution 24-15**, resolution for consolidation of public administrator and county attorney.

2:01 p.m. Commissioner Keltner made a motion to accept the Treasure Investment Report for December, seconded by Commissioner Teske, “all in favor” motion passed.

2:05 p.m. Commissioner Keltner made a motion to sign the RM88 for records that have met their retention dates according to Montana Code 7-5-2132 for the Prairie County Treasurer, seconded by Commissioner Teske, “all in favor” motion passed.

2:30 p.m. Resolution 24-17 **“A Resolution and Order of the Prairie County Board of County Commissioners Consolidating the Offices of County Attorney and Public Administrator”**.

2:37 p.m. Commissioner Keltner made a motion to accept Resolution 24-17 **“A Resolution and Order of the Prairie County Board of County Commissioners Consolidating the Offices of County Attorney and Public Administrator”**. Seconded by Commissioner Teske, “all in favor” motion passed.

2:55 p.m. Travis Lacquement came to inform the commissioners that he will not be able to perform the courthouse snow removal. His backup person Art Henry would be willing to fill in for him while he is out.

3:00 p.m. Public Comment not on agenda. Allison Kay Bernard and Caroline Doney in for public comment. Caroline is in to discuss feral cats within Terry and how she would like to help. She has been treating feral cats on her own, with shots and neuter/spade of the cats. She would like to know who to ask about permission to access county property to trap feral cats.

3:30 p.m. Andrea Bybee and Jennifer Gray-Eagle with ambulance and CIH. Fallon County will gift an ambulance over to us, it will be finalized once the Fallon County Commissioners sign off. Commissioners ask what supervisor position Jennifer would be working in, and she will be supervising CIH program related responsibilities. With those responsibilities she will stay at her current wage status and level. CIH has received an additional grant funding of \$19,000. The billing company for CIH has been billing incorrectly to Medicare etc, at a billing rate that is not consistent with our program. Andrea will follow up with the billing company to get this resolved.

4:30 p.m. Commissioners Devlin read the Museum Board Letter of support for Montana Historic Preservation Grant. This is not a commitment for funding by the county.

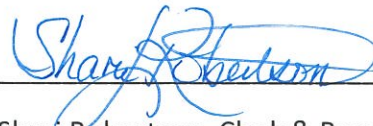
4:50 p.m. Commissioner Teske made a motion to adjourn the meeting, seconded by commissioner Keltner, “all in favor” motion passed.

Signed this 27<sup>th</sup> day of December 2023.



Todd Devlin, Commissioner Chair

ATTEST:



Shari Robertson, Clerk & Recorder