

Prairie County Board of Commissioners Meeting

August 21st, 2024

Prairie County Court House Commissioners Room

217 West Park St Terry, MT 59349

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

9:06 a.m. Pledge of Allegiance & call to order. Road Supervisor Todd Henry joined the meeting.

9:10 a.m. Commissioner Teske signed a letter to BLM to inform them of the county's decision to "not pursue mineral use permit on the singleton site" (appendix A).

9:14 a.m. Sheila Dixon had a public comment about the museum, asking if they could pour a cement pad on the property to secure the windmill, there would be no cost to the county. She also updated the commissioners on the window costs and ongoing discussion. Commissioners are all okay with pouring a cement pad for the windmill.

9:20 a.m. Harry McNall had a public comment about weeds needing sprayed in Fallon, lots of goat heads spreading throughout the town.

9:22 a.m. Discussion on letter from the BLM on the Cherry Creek Pit, and inspection reports.

10:07 a.m. Sheriff Lewis joined the meeting to update the commissioners about the HWY 253 railroad crossing complaints and action plan. The condition of the crossing is a public safety issue and commodity issues. Commissioners called Shane Mintz with MDOT, about this crossing issue, and left a message on his phone. Sheriff Lewis will go and look at the cars on the town of Terry property and see what he can do to help remove them.

10:30 a.m. Commissioner Devlin read the minutes from the August 7th, 2024, commissioner meeting.

10:50 a.m. Commissioner Teske made a motion to accept the minutes of the August 7th, 2024, commissioners meeting as corrected, seconded by Commissioner Keltner, "all in favor" motion passed.

10:56 a.m. Commissioner Teske made a motion to sign the Action for Eastern Montana Contract Modification, seconded by Commissioner Keltner, "all in favor" motion passed.

11:00 a.m. Clerk & Recorder Shari Robertson joined the meeting to go over budget worksheets, resolutions etc. The school board has not submitted budget information to the clerk & recorders office as of today. Shari provided the commissioners with worksheets and an overview of the proposed budget. She went over in detail changes to the original proposed budget etc.

12:00 p.m. Commissioners took lunch while attending the LACP meeting in the courtroom.

1:00 p.m. Deputy Clerk & Recorder Aria Walters provided commissioners with claims.

Prairie County Voucher # 1019 \$15,740.47

Prairie County Voucher # 1020 \$1,727.24

Prairie County Voucher # 1018 \$878.99

Prairie County Voucher # 1017 \$4,945.00

1:30 p.m. Commissioners reviewed bump and run invoices and payouts.

1:40 p.m. Clerk & Recorder Shari Robertson went over the Audit Submittal vs. Local Government Services Annual Financial Report (AFR). She would like to file an audit in lieu of the AFR. Commissioners said she should use the audit instead and see how that works.

2:00 p.m. Commissioner Devlin Read Resolution 25-05 "Loan for Dodge Pickup for Sheriff Office".

2:12 p.m. Commissioner Keltner called Dwight Tauge about a fire truck sitting on the town of Terry property.

2:26 p.m. Commissioner's found a few issues within the Resolution that had to be resolved.

2:28 p.m. Commissioner Teske made a motion to approve Resolution 25-05 "A **RESOLUTION APPROVING THE A LOAN IN THE AMOUNT OF \$50,000.00 FROM STOCKMAN BANK TO FINANCE THE PURCHASE OF A DODGE RAM PICKUP.**" as corrected, seconded by Commissioner Devlin, "all in favor" motion passed.

2:36 p.m. Commissioner Keltner made a motion to sign the Sanitarian Contract Service Agreement and Junk Vehicle Agreement, seconded by Commissioner Teske, "all in favor" motion passed.

2:46 p.m. Glen Heitz with the museum board provided the commissioners with the cost of an opening window and a closed window, a difference of about \$1080. Commissioners told Glen to go back to his board and have a vote on which type of window they should purchase.

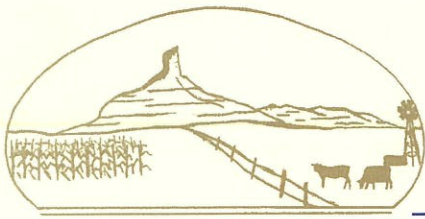
2:50 p.m. Andrea Bybee arrived early for the meeting scheduled for 3:30 p.m.

2:57 p.m. Commissioner Keltner made a motion to sign the "Eastern District Disaster and Emergency Services/Emergency Management Mutual Aid Agreement", seconded by Commissioner Teske, "all in favor" motion passed.

3:00 p.m. Andrea updated the commissioners on the potential grant opportunities she is working towards. As well as updating the commissioners on liquidating vehicles in her department, and putting them into Smiths auction in Miles City, this upcoming fall.

3:00 p.m. Public comment (not on agenda). No public comment.

3:40 p.m. Commissioner Teske made a motion to adjourn the meeting, Commissioner Keltner seconded the motion, "all in favor" motion passed.



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Carissa Shilling
Geologist
Bureau of Land Management
Miles City Field Office
111 Garryowen Road
Miles City, MT 59301

Re: Singleton Site Mineral Resource Exploration

Dear Carissa,

Please accept this letter confirming that Prairie County will not be pursuing a mineral use permit for the gravel located at the Singleton site. After exploration we determined the site did not meet our needs.

If you need any additional information or documentation, please do not hesitate to contact us.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Dennis Teske', is written over a horizontal line.

Dennis Teske
Prairie County Commissioner
217 West Park St Terry, MT 59349

Signed this 31st day of August 2024

Christine W. Keltner

Christine Keltner, Commissioner

ATTEST:

Shari Robertson

Shari Robertson, Clerk & Recorder