

Prairie County Board of Commissioners Meeting

February 23rd, 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.

9:05 a.m. Pledge of allegiance was performed. Public Comment on Agenda Matters. Mike Moore with Broz Engineering into speak with the commissioners. He will come back at 3:30 p.m. to speak with the commissioners during public comment.

9:07 a.m. Road Supervisor Todd Henry is into speak with Commissioners about roads and bridges. Another bridge within Prairie County has now been closed on CB Route Bridge #4086, it is currently being fast tracked to be repaired, bids had already been submitted to get work going quickly. The road department hired a new worker for the department. Todd provided an update on the grader motor work.

9:50 a.m. Commissioner Teske called Commissioner Devlin on the phone to speak about bridge #4086.

9:52 a.m. Commissioner Keltner made a motion to sign and approve the Project Specific Agreement Addendum 01, to the Local Road and Bridge Account NBI Bridge Number L40119000+03001; L40042002+6001, 2023 BR Repair Prairie County UPN 1048200, seconded by Commissioner Teske, "all in favor" motion passed.

10:00 a.m. Notice Clerk & Recorder Journal Vouchers are moving from 10:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. today.

10:22 a.m. Commissioners read minutes from the February 23rd, 2024, meeting.

10:17 a.m. Commissioner Teske made a motion to accept the minutes from the February 23rd, 2024, Commissioner meeting as corrected, seconded by Commissioner Keltner, "all in favor" motion passed.

10:30 a.m. Commissioners discussed Stahley Contract. Deputy Clerk & Recorder Aria Walters reviewed with commissioners the increase in fees provided from Stahley Engineering. Commissioner Keltner would like to know about how to accept other bids for this service. Dan Rice said that notices need to be put out for professional services, qualifications, etc.

11:00 a.m. Commissioner Keltner made a motion "Commissioner reviewed the contract from Stahley, and fees have increased substantially, and would be in the best interest of the county to open the contract to new bids", seconded by Commissioner Teske, "all in favor" motion passed.

11:05 a.m. Dwight Tague with the Fire Department is into updated commissioners on the fire policy, also joining the meeting is Sheriff Keiffer. Provided commissioners with an example of a

contract from Custer County for landowners that have fires on their property, that Prairie County would like to use. Updated the Commissioners on other federal projects that are in progress currently.

11:30 a.m. Dale Galland Joined the meeting to speak to the Commissioners about Airport Policy. Prairie County has an "Ag Pit" in case of a chemical spill by spray planes. They have composed a draft, for a "Facility Use Agreement for Seasonal Application Operators".

12:00 p.m. Lunch Break

1:00 p.m. Clerk & Recorder Shari Robertson provided Payroll and Claims to the Commissioners.

Prairie County Voucher # 1099 \$15,387.13

Prairie County Voucher # 1097 \$16,091.70

Prairie County Voucher # 1098 \$2,131.38

Prairie County Voucher # 1096 \$57,789.07

Prairie County Voucher # 12 \$6,586.20

Prairie County Voucher # 11 \$26,336.67

1:17 p.m. Journal Adjustment for Journal entry Payroll entry 8, new journal entry 302. And payroll correction for Voucher # 1008, with new journal entry 303.

1:30 p.m. Commissioners signed and reviewed claims.

Prairie County Voucher # 1101 \$8,455.30

Prairie County Voucher # 1102 \$2,109.10

1:55 p.m. Clerk & Recorder Shari Robertson spoke with commissioners about County Audit Board, Recounting Board, Audit Dates & Canvas Date. Commissioners will do the Election Canvas on June 13th, 2024, at 8:00 a.m.

2:30 p.m. Pam Walling with MACo Health CareTrust with Annual Updates and Coverage Discussion. Prairie County had the highest loss ratio within the Montana Healthcare Trust. Health care costs will increase in Prairie County by 18% this year. The increase is because of the increase in the cost of pharmaceutical drugs.

3:30 P.M. Public Comment. Mike Moore with Broz Engineering to speak with commissioners on proposals for land planning, bridge construction etc.

4:05 p.m. Commissioner Teske made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Commissioner Keltner.

Signed this 6th day of March 2024

Christine W. Keltner
Christine Keltner, Commissioner

ATTEST: Shari Robertson
Shari Robertson, Clerk & Recorder