

Prairie County Board of Commissioners Meeting

January 17th, 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 Commissioner Secretary Harry McNall.

9:00 a.m. Pledge of allegiance was performed. Public Comment on Agenda Matters. No public Comment.

9:01 a.m. Road Supervisor Todd Henry joined the meeting. The Commissioners reviewed Cherry Creek right-away BLM contract with Todd Henry. Commissioner also spoke to Todd Henry about annual leave payout options, due to lack of ability to use it. Todd Henry updated Commissioners on bridges 86 & 91, and his meeting with John Muggli with Muggli Construction to fix those bridges.

9:23 a.m. Todd Henry notified the Commissioners he put a notice for bid on a 772 Grader in the newspaper for two weeks, with the bids being reviewed on January 31st 2024 at 9:00 a.m.

9:35 a.m. Commissioner Devlin made a motion that Todd Henry's annual leave over the max may be paid out to him, due to his shortage of manpower in his department making him unable to use it, seconded by Commissioner Teske "all in favor" motion passed.

9:40 a.m. – 10:25 a.m. Various conversations about gravel pits, equipment and road condition.

10:26 a.m. Commissioners reviewed and read minutes from the January 3rd, 2024, Commissioner meeting.

10:40 a.m. Commissioners Teske made a motion to accept the minutes from the January 3rd, 2024, meeting as corrected, seconded by Commissioner Devlin, "all in favor" motion passed.

10:55 a.m. Commissioner Keltner made a motion to appoint James Mantz to the Council on Aging County Board, seconded by Commissioner Teske, "all in favor" motion passed.

10:56 a.m. Commissioners discussed audio requirements for recording and storing audio files of commissioner meetings. Harry McNall will provide a full breakdown at the January 31st, 2024, meeting.

11:00 a.m. Les Thomason came into the meeting to hear from Joey Grewell with Matt Rossendale's Office. Unfortunately, Joey did not make it to the meeting due to road conditions. Commissioner Teske explained what had been happening and why Joey Grewell was coming to this meeting.

11:45 a.m. Commissioner Teske made a motion to sign aggregate donation forms for the county, seconded by Commissioner Keltner, "all in favor" motion passed.

12:00 p.m. Lunch Break

1:00 p.m. Deputy Clerk & Recorder Aria Walters provided claims, and journal vouchers for commissioners.

1:30 p.m. Commissioner Keltner left the meeting, to attend the 911 board meeting in the courtroom.

Prairie County Voucher # 1080 \$22,145.13

Prairie County Voucher # 1081 \$2,324.60

Prairie County Voucher # 1079 \$232.00

1:35 p.m. Commissioner Devlin 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. Commissioner Teske made a motion to accept the Treasurer Investment Report, seconded by Commissioner Devlin “all in favor” motion passed.

2:02 p.m. Weed board members Harold Gaub, Garrett Lapp, Lon Reukauf, and Sharla Sackman. Harold updated commissioners on last weeks, weed board meeting. Sharla went over preliminary salary, budget etc, and updates for the commissioners. The weed board has a tank that will need to be surplus out. Lon spoke about trying to get the temp employees hired earlier, if possible, to start spraying. Sharla spoke about grasshopper issues, including getting certain sprays at lower rates. She believes they can get it cheaper through the Weed Board and will require a preorder/payment by producers to get it cheaper.

3:00 p.m. Commissioner Keltner returned to the meeting.

3:00 p.m. Land Planning Board Lon Reukauf, Tracey Feickert Dion, Todd Tibbets, Renee Pirtz and Lorin Larsen. Lon explained that the reason for this meeting was to fill in the meeting requirements for the year. They also want to put together bylaws to help future land planning members. Conversation about the structure of the board, how it is managed and operated. The Land Planning Board made and approved a motion to start the process of making bylaws for the Land Planning Board. Discussion of buildings for lease or rent policies.

3:44 p.m. Fair Board annual update with commissioners. Sharla Sackman, Tom Pisk, Aaron Martinson, and Travis Choat. The fair this year will be August 1st -4th of 2024. The improvements are still in progress at the fairgrounds. Junior Fisher will work on roof repairs, from the storm last year. The Roping Club got a grant for new lights in the arena, and those are now installed. Buffalo Rapids has been working on ditch improvements next to the fair grounds and will have three turnouts. The fair board will meet January 30th, 2024. Discussed other fair business and thoughts for the future. The fair board will work on bylaws and other policies that need to be addressed.

4:00 p.m. Public Comment (not on Agenda) No public comment

4:30 p.m. Discussion on back up janitor, with current janitor. The county needs an on-call back up janitor to fill in when the current janitor is unavailable.

4:47 p.m. The County received the \$7500.00 grant funding for the Junk Vehicle Program for FY24.

4:50 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 January 2024



Todd Devlin, Commissioner Chair

ATTEST:



Shari Robertson, Clerk & Recorder