

Prairie County Board of Commissioners Meeting

January 31st, 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.

9:06 a.m. Road Supervisor Todd Henry in to review bids on a road grader.

9:12 a.m. Todd Devlin joined the meeting. Commissioners went to the fairgrounds and walked the area, discussed millings pile, metal, concrete storage, junk vehicle's as well as some fencing discussions.

9:53 a.m. Continued discussion on grader bids, and financing options for the grader and Walk-n-roll attachment. Commissioner Teske called Paul with Stockman bank, to speak about loan options. Paul told the commissioner their interest rate tax free is about 4.4%.

9:56 a.m. Commissioner Keltner made a motion to accept the bid from RDO Equipment Co, for the grader at \$134,000.00 seconded by Commissioner Devlin, "all in favor" motion passed.

10:00 a.m. Commissioner Teske made a motion to purchase a Walk-n-Roll from Lycop Enterprises for \$26,365.00 seconded by Commissioner Devlin, Open to discussion, Commissioner Keltner asked if we need it now, where we are short on employees? We will not be short on employees in the future. "All in favor" motion passed.

10:03 a.m. Clerk & Recorder Shari Robertson, provided the commissioners with payroll to sign.

Prairie County Voucher # 1082 \$63,184.00

Prairie County Voucher # 1083 \$2,322.39

Prairie County Voucher # 1084 \$17,407.99

Prairie County Voucher # 1085 \$15,872.42

10:25 a.m. Commissioners and Road Supervisor Todd Henry spoke about bridge repair costs on CB Route Rd, and Thron rd bridge # 86 and 91.

10:40 a.m. Commissioner Keltner made a motion to accept the bid on bridges 86 & 91 from Muggli Contracting in Miles city for \$18,000.00 & \$8,500.00 respectively, seconded Commissioner Teske, "all in favor" motion passed.

10:45 a.m. Commissioners reviewed and read minutes from the January 17th, 2024, Commissioner meeting.

10:58 a.m. Commissioners Teske made a motion to accept the minutes as corrected from the January 17th, 2024, meeting, seconded by Commissioner Keltner, "all in favor" motion passed.

11:15 a.m. Commissioner Teske called Dan Kirpatrick at Get-R-Done repair about the junk vehicles at the fair ground.

11:17 a.m. The representative for Matt Rosendale, Joey Grewell arrived at the meeting to speak with the commissioners.

11:30 a.m. Dale Hellman and Sherif Lewis joined the meeting to speak with the commissioners about the coroner's office. Dale Hellman will not be running again for his position. Both Dale and Sheriff Lewis suggested combining the Sheriff's office and Coroner's Office into one. Sheriff Lewis is already a deputy Coroner and would like to appoint a couple additional deputy Coroners. Dale suggested appointing Jonathan Arnold and Jason Grey Eagle as deputy Coroners.

11:45 a.m. Public Comment (not on agenda). Lewis Keifer wanted to speak to the commissioners about the current courthouse camera system. This system could be used to record audio for the commissioner meetings for HB890. Will be on the next agenda with more information about the proposed camera system.

12:00 p.m. Lunch Break

1:00 p.m. Shane Findley and Eric Lepisto with the Bureau of Land Management out of Miles City. Eric Urban the counties consultant phoned into the conversation to discuss the gravel pit application process. Shane updated commissioners on the BLM process, it is currently working through a review of the proposed application submitted by Eric Urban. There are some deficiencies that will need addressed, and it will need to go through the NEPA process. Hopefully within a couple of weeks of posting NEPA for public comment for 15 days, it should be completed. In order to mine during the breeding season of bird, you have to mow the grass before April 15th, or scrape the topsoil. Shane brought up the topic of Paleontologist on site for mining in the pit, the BLM will provide the Paleontologist, but at least a week's notice will be needed, the person lives in Billings, MT. In our current contract it says 1 month, but Shane is positive this person will work with us on notice. He also suggested that Road Supervisor Todd Henry and the Paleontologist get in direct contact with one another.

Shane Findley also wanted to talk about other gravel pit sites within Prairie County. First do you want to sell material out of the Cherry Creek Pit? This would be a contract with BLM and Prairie County to sell gravel to private citizens. If the county pays upfront, you use it or lose it. The free use permit reporting requirements are once a year but would be much better to do it more often. Quarterly reporting is suggested. There are three more gravel pits, including Singleton. Shane suggested putting all the other pits together and submit them together. Shane also suggested that Eric Urban, and commissioners go out to look at all these pits together.

1:51 p.m. Deputy Clerk & Recorder Aria Walters provided the commissioners with claims, journal adjustments, records etc.

1:55 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.

1:59 p.m. Commissioners reviewed and signed unclaimed warrants from previous FY23, and reissued for FY24, Journal Voucher #255 and 272.

2:00 p.m. Commissioners reviewed and signed unclaimed warrants for FY23 and older, that are not reissued, and had funds that were put back into the departments, Journal Voucher #247.

2:07 p.m. Commissioners signed a petition for cattle guard to move from one location and to remove another from Prairie Rd and move the one on Bad Rout Rd a few hundred yards down the road.

Prairie County Voucher # 1092 \$1,781.13

Prairie County Voucher # 1089 \$24,742.39

Prairie County Voucher # 1090 \$400.00

Prairie County Voucher # 1091 \$14,253.22

2:28 p.m. Commissioners reviewed "Great West Engineering: Amendment No. 1 Bridge Repair fix." Commissioners discussed the changes in the agreement.

3:00 p.m. Zoom meeting with Iworq, with Devin Vogelsberg who provides software for road departments.


3:30 p.m. Public Comment Not on Agenda.

3:35 p.m. Commissioner Devlin called Brandon Duffey with Great West Engineering to confirm what the contract covers for the work on the two local bridges.

4:03 p.m. Commissioner Teske made a motion to accept the Amended increase from Great West Engineering for the bridge projects 91 and 79, seconded by Commissioner Keltner, "all in favor" motion passed.

4:15 p.m. Commissioner Teske made a motion to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Commissioner Keltner, "all in favor" motion passed.

Signed this 14th day of February 2024



Christine Keltner, Commissioner

ATTEST: 

Shari Robertson, Clerk & Recorder