

Prairie County Board of Commissioners Meeting

November 19th, 2025

Prairie County Court House Commissioners Room

217 West Park St Terry, MT 59349

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

9:00 a.m. Pledge of allegiance and call to order. Public Comment.

David Kasten: Commenting on the Big Sheep Park Zoning District (BSMZD), he doesn't support putting in wind turbines in the area. He supports and his business supports zoning.

Norma Rielly: she wants you to support the BSMZD and wants it on the next agenda.

Cathy Grist: put the big sheep mountain zoning district on the November 26th agenda. Doesn't want wind turbines. No need to delay the decision.

Greg Berger: Please put the BSMZD on the November 26th, 2025, agenda.

Donnie Kuehn Vote on BSMZD; majority rules.

Tom Englebrigte: Please vote for the BSMZD. Take lots of repairs and interferes with migration.

Lana Tibbetts: Place the BSMZD on the agenda, and vote it in.

Joel Basta: Put BSMZD on the agenda and get it done.

Dan Pike: I am in favor of the district, what is the process in your mind over the district.

Tim Ehman: spoke on the process of becoming a commissioner. The majority in that district, and county commissioners have a responsibility to support them.

Pat Haughains: Agrees with Tim Ehman.

Glenda Ueland: lives off the front of sheep mountain and wants the district.

Susan Elkhart: Recommend that you approve it as written, so it doesn't happen as it has in Dawson County.

Reene Pirtz: Encourage you to vote, and it has gone on too long. Explained her position and what a conservative view would be when dealing with the subject of zoning. The people have spoken on the district. There is no need for a zoning commission.

Shane Eaton: Urge the commission to put the BSMZD on the agenda November 26th. Do the right thing.

Bill Edwards in Dawson County and borders Prairie County. Please put it on the agenda and vote on it.

Pat Haughains: Asking that you put in some additional planks on the Milwaukee bridge, to make it safer.

Jerry Shillinger from Circle, please put on the agenda the BSMZD to vote in and it needs to be done in Prairie County.

Bob Phalen: Is also in favor of the BSMZD.

Arron Martinson: During the public hearing we heard many proponents of the county and want it on the November 26th agenda. We are all business owners.

Emily Eaton: Encourage you to put it on the agenda and move forward with the zoning district. Heath and welfare is a concern. Please put it on the agenda and zoning district.

Jim Morast (message) pass the BSMDZ, please listen to the people.

9:38 a.m. Les Tomason spoke with the commissioners about a cattleguard on the pump house county road. Does the county have an easement on that road? The cattleguard is fine for now.

10:00 a.m. County Attorney Dan Rice gave an update on the Browning case, it has been moved till May 2026, and Clerk & Recorder Shari Robertsons provided an update on the effects of the trail on her office.

A discussion on the process for the Big Sheep Mountain District, the commissioners need to have findings, comments, etc. for the upcoming commissioners' meeting.

10:37 a.m. Commissioner Keltner read minutes from the November 12th, 2025, commissioners meeting.

10:50 a.m. Commissioner Keltner made a motion to accept the minutes from the November 12th, 2025, commissioners meeting as corrected, "all in favor" motion passed.

10:51 a.m. Commissioners signed letters for applicants for the caretaker position at the cemetery.

10:52 a.m. Commissioners Keltner made a motion to wait on the junk vehicle invoice grant application, and have it on the December 17th, 2025, commissioners meeting, seconded by Commissioner Devlin, "all in favor" motion passed.

11:01 a.m. Commissioner Keltner made a motion to sign the FY2026 County Motor Vehicle Graveyard Grant for Prairie County JV Graveyard Terry II(JVCG-0062), instead of waiting till December 17th, 2025, seconded Commissioner Devlin, "all in favor" motion passed.

11:03 a.m. County Treasurer Garrett Lapp provided the commissioners with the investment report for the commissioners to review and sign.

11:10 a.m. Commissioners received a signed Revocable License for Bridge Maintenance access extension from Badlands Cattle Co. December 31st, 2026.

1:00 p.m. Deputy Clerk & Recorder Aria Walters provided claims for the commissioners to review and sign.

Prairie County Voucher # 1057 \$333,478.24

Prairie County Voucher # 1058 \$1,186.96

Commissioner Keltner made a motion to accept the RM88 for records that have met their retention dates according to Montana Code 7-5-2132, in Human Resources, Elections and Clerk & Recorder Offices, seconded by Commissioner Devlin, "all in favor" motion passed.

Journal Adjustment #133

2:00 p.m. Tylenne Eaton with public health to go over the maternal child health block grant FY26 contract.

Commissioner Keltner made a motion to accept "Task Order HHS-ECFS-00000742 To the Master Contract Effective July 1, 2019, to June 30, 2026, Between the State of Montana, Department of Public Health and Human Services and Prairie County, to have chair sign via e-sign when the document arrives," seconded by Commissioner Devlin, "all in favor" motion passes.

3:00 p.m. Public Comment

Jena Masters: Vote in the district for the BSMZD, people have spoken to install the district.

Megan Pirtz: provided some comments on behalf of others and she would like the commissioners to pass the zoning district.

Jesse Smalis: put the BSMZD on the 26th agenda and vote on it.

Logan Eayres: In support of the BSMZD as it was originally written.

Kate Joyce: Please adopt the BSMZD as written, they enjoy hunting out there. She had comments about animal health and other hazards from wind turbines.

Scott Eaton: wants the BSMZD on the agenda, to protect health and safety. Wants to give his continued support.

Dan Fulford: Thanks for what you do for the community and ask that you approve the BSMZD, and we don't need a zoning commission.

Connie Eaton put the BSMZD on the agenda and approve it.

Tylenne Eaton: Read a letter to the commissioners showing she is in favor of the BSMZD district with no changes.

Norma Peabody, on behalf of our family, are asking you to approve the BSMZD.

Lee Eaton: Follow the wishes of the county get the BSMZD on the agenda and get it voted in.

Arney Sutton: Urge the commissioners to vote for the BSMZD. We are in support of the district.

Hannah Peabody Walker: Make the right decision and get the district voted in, vote yes.

Chris Koppenhaver: Favor of the proposed zoning up North.

Randy Yusten; BSMDZ bring it up on the 26th and vote on it.

3:30 p.m. Clerk & Recorder Shari Robertson provided the commissioners with resolutions to review and approve.

3:31 p.m. Commissioner Keltner made a motion to accept Resolution 26-12 Setting holidays, Office Hours, Payroll Dates & Time Sheet Deadlines for Calendar year 2026” seconded by Commissioner Devlin, “all in favor” motion passed.

3:33 p.m. Commissioner Devlin made a motion to accept Resolution 26-13 Commissioner Meeting Dates Set for Calendar Year 2026” seconded by Commissioner Keltner, “all in favor” motion passed.

3:35 p.m. Commissioner Keltner made a motion to accept Resolution 26-14 Setting Claim Due Dates for Calendar Year 2026,” seconded by Commissioner Devlin “all in favor” motion passed.

3:37 p.m. Commissioner Keltner made a motion to accept Resolution 26-15 A Resolution of the Prairie county Board of County Commissioners Establishing Locations for Posting Public Notice,” seconded by Commissioner Devlin, “all in favor” motion passed.

4:00 p.m. Commissioner Devlin made a motion to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Commissioner Keltner, “all in favor”, motion passed.

Signed this 25th day of November 2025



Todd Devlin, Commissioner Chair

ATTEST:



Shari Robertson, Clerk & Recorder

by: 

Aria Walters, Deputy Clerk & Recorder