

## **Prairie County Board of Commissioners Meeting**

**November 26<sup>th</sup>, 2025**

*Prairie County Court House Commissioners Room*

*217 West Park St Terry, MT 59349*

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

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

David Kastin: People have spoken, you have done a good job, no more delays, put it on the schedule.

Cathy Grist: Please place the Big Sheep Mountain Park Zoning District (BSMPZD) on the next agenda or on a special meeting.

Doug Rein: With the TV Board, he has an estimate for the new transmitter for better service. The new transmitter will give 7 channels instead of the 2 they currently have.

9:08 a.m. Commissioner Devlin joined the meeting.

Suzie Elhart from Glendive, urges you to put the final vote for the BSMPZD on the next full agenda.

Norma Reilly I thought this was the day you were going to vote. Why are you not voting? Have not heard from NextEra for a long time.

Donnie Keehn: Time for you to vote.

Kate Joyce: Resident of Dawson County, concerns about wind turbines, and effects on local wildlife and livestock etc. Please address the BSMPZD and vote & approve.

Jenna Massor: Offer her sympathies to the commissioners, you have a hard decision, and how to do it the right way. Explained her thoughts on options and results going forward concerning which decision the commissioners choose. Implement the zoning today, have the courage to implement the zoning.

Jesse Smalis: Vote today for the BSMPZD.

Joel Basta: You will be remembered for voting in this district. Protect the county, in my opinion the passing of the zoning should be a yes.

Reene Pirtz: This is simply standing up for what is right and what the people want. Many people come here for the beauty of the land. Please quit stalling on the decision and vote on the district.

Tylene Eaton: Please put the BSMPZD on the next full agenda and vote on it. You have done your due diligence and I appreciate that. During the hearing why was there no tally of who was

for the district and who was against the district. There is no silent majority, if there were they have not spoken. The majority want this zoning district. Do the right thing and put the district to a vote.

9:30 a.m. Deputy Clerk & Recorder Arya Walters, provided the commissioners with claims & payroll to review and sign.

Prairie County Voucher # 1065 \$27,722.69

Prairie County Voucher # 1066 \$1,039.57

Prairie County Voucher # 1064 \$128.55

Prairie County Voucher # 7 \$6,688.91

Prairie County Voucher # 1059 \$67,507.17

Prairie County Voucher # 1060 \$19,765.32

Prairie County Voucher # 1061 \$2,803.00

Prairie County Voucher # 1062 \$18,127.90

Prairie County Voucher # 1063 \$34,112.04

Commissioners reviewed expenditure sheets.

10:16 a.m. Road Department Supervisor Todd Henry informed the commissioners that a employee has informed him that he has a suspended driver's license. A discussion on how to handle this issue will be discussed with the county attorney. Supervisor Henry gave the commissioners the bids for work on the Milwaukee bridge.

10:25 a.m. Commissioner Teske made a motion to accept the bid from C45 contracting for \$1530.00 for labor on repairs to the Milwaukee bridge, seconded Keltner, "all in favor" motion passed.

10:30 a.m. County Attorney Dan Rice Provided the commissioners with the Draft Resolution for both Do Pass or Do Not Pass the Big Sheep Mountain Park Zoning District with the findings the commissioners compiled.

Commissioner Devlin read the findings within the draft resolution(s).

Commissioners discussed the resolutions concerning findings and how those findings are worded. Commissioners discussed Montana Senate Bill 117 passed during the 2025 session, abatements, decommissioning, and the draft Prairie County Growth Policy.

12:00 p.m. Lunch Break: Commissioner Teske will not be coming back today.

1:00 p.m. Commissioners reviewed correspondence.

1:20 p.m. Commissioner Devlin read the minutes from the November 25<sup>th</sup>, 2025, special commissioners meeting.

1:25 p.m. Commissioner Keltner made a motion to accept the minutes from the November 25<sup>th</sup>, 2025, special meeting as corrected, second by Commissioner Devlin, “all in favor” motion passed.

Resignation letter was accepted by the Prairie County Commission received from Dale Hellman for his position on the Cemetery Board. The Commissioners have made phone calls to possible replacements.

1:30 p.m. County Treasurer Garrett Lapp gave an update on a personal property abatement. There was a mistake on values due to an error on the Department of Revenues side.

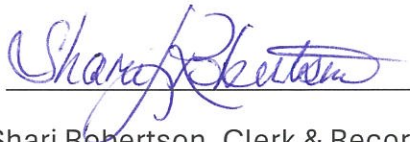
Commissioner Devlin signed the property value adjustment.

1:45 p.m. Commissioner Devlin made a motion to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Commissioner Keltner “all in favor” motion passed.

Signed this 17<sup>th</sup> day of December 2025



Todd Devlin, Commissioner Chair

ATTEST: 

Shari Robertson, Clerk & Recorder

November 21, 2025

Dale E Hellman  
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RE: PRAIRIE COUNTY CEMETERY BOARD

It is my understanding that my term on the Cemetery Board is up for re-appointment on January 1, 2026.

Please be advised that I do not intend to remain on the Cemetery Board, after December 31, 2025.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Dale E Hellman', with a stylized, cursive script.

Dale E Hellman