

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

**November 29<sup>th</sup>, 2023**

*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 was Commissioner Secretary Harry McNall and Road Supervisor Todd Henry.

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

9:10 a.m. Eric Urban called into the meeting to go over the Cherry Creek Pit Application.

9:40 a.m. Commissioners reviewed and made recommendations to Eric Urban's first draft for the Cherry Creek Pit Application.

10:25 a.m. Road Supervisor Todd Henry updated commissioners on the cost of a new mower PTO driven at \$38,000. Then they discussed where to come up with funds to purchase a mower for next summer.

10:45 a.m. Road Supervisor Todd Henry will come back around 2:30 p.m. for further discussion on funding.

10:46 a.m. Commissioner Keltner made a motion to order a Right-a-way mower PTO driven at \$38,000, Commissioner Teske seconded, "all in favor" motion passed.

10:47 p.m. Clerk & Recorder Shari Robertson provided the commissioners with payroll, claims and journal vouchers.

Prairie County Voucher # 6 \$5,746.35

Prairie County Voucher # 1059 \$29,220.23

Prairie County Voucher # 1056 \$3,536.00

Prairie County Voucher # 1055 \$60,665.06

Prairie County Voucher # 1057 \$17,620.22

Prairie County Voucher # 1058 \$16,462.35

11:10 a.m. Commissioners discussed a change in 2024 commissioner meeting dates. June 5<sup>th</sup> 2024 is currently on the schedule. Clerk & Recorder Shari Robertson suggested moving it to June 12<sup>th</sup> 2024.

Prairie County Voucher # 1060 \$27,423.73

Prairie County Voucher # 1061 \$1,940.74

Journal Adjustment Entry 166, and 165 were discussed with commissioners and initialed.

11:30 a.m. Commissioners reviewed courthouse flooring bids. Commissioners discussed flooring options and what might work best for the courthouse.

11:55 a.m. Commissioner Keltner made a motion to have the “hallway, entry way, and Clerks & Recorder” flooring done, Commissioner Teske seconded, “all in favor” motion passed.

12:00 p.m. Lunch Break in Courtroom

1:00 p.m. Brant Gordon Sanitarian for Dawson County provided the commissioners with the FY 2024 Junk removal grant and paperwork.

1:15 p.m. Clerk & Recorder Shari Robertson provided the Commissioners with the Contract for Action Eastern Montana Council on Aging, for them to sign.

1:25 p.m. Commissioner Keltner made a motion to “to sign **Montana’s Older Americans Act Programs Contract from the Area 1 agency on aging, contract number 2024-001-05**”, Seconded by Commissioner Teske, “all in favor” motion passed.

1:30 p.m. Resolution 24-15 “Resolution of Intent to Consider Consolidation of Certain County Offices and Notice of Hearing.”

1:37 p.m. Commissioner Devlin made a motion to accept Resolution 24-15 “**Resolution of Intent to Consider Consolidation of Certain County Offices and Notice of Hearing**”, seconded by Commissioner Teske, “all in favor” motion passed.

1:40 p.m. Commissioner Devlin made a motion to amend Resolution 24-13, with “Resolution 24-16, which changes Wednesday, June 5<sup>th</sup> to Wednesday June 12<sup>th</sup>, 2024” seconded by Commissioner Teske, “all in favor” motion passed.

2:00 p.m. Road Supervisor Todd Henry continued his pervious road conversation with the commissioners.

2:28 p.m. Commissioner Devlin made a motion to “transfer a 4 door 2006 Chevy tan pickup to the Road department for \$1500.00, payment will go to building maintenance”, seconded by Commissioner Keltner, “all in favor” motion passed.

2:30 p.m. Commissioners had a phone call/zoom meeting with Ryan Dahlke (MDT), Karl Yakawich and Brandon Duffy with Great West Engineering along with many other agency people that are involved in the temporary bridge fixes for Prairie County. The meeting was to discuss the quick fix for bridges 4091 and 4079. The quick fix funding is SB 536, which provides money for replacements and repairs of bridges. MDT will provide funding through SB 536 and will have the county manage the fixes. Both bridges will have to be done at the same time, because reimbursement will not happen until both bridges are completed. There is no solid time frame for these quick fixes, but they will start working right away on getting this project going.

3:30 p.m. Public Comment that is not on Agenda.

3:50 p.m. Mike Brosz with Brosz Engineering, came to speak about CB route bridge. Mike provided the commissioners with another option of a steel box culvert.

4:10 p.m. Andrea Bybee in to speak about potential new hire and managerial changeover updates. She has a couple of people that would like to help, in their area on calls. They will need a go bag, and a backboard.

4:18 p.m. Commissioner Devlin made a motion to accept hire as volunteer first responders that could be on site quicker due to our rural jurisdiction to respond directly to scene, this applies to Registered Nurses, EMT's, Advanced EMT and Paramedics, seconded by Commissioner Keltner, "all in favor" motion passed.

4:25 p.m. Commissioner Keltner made a motion to "approve ride along in the ambulance for those students in the EMR program, with parents permission", seconded by Commissioner Devlin, "all in favor" motion passed.

4:31 p.m. Commissioner Devlin called Brandon Duffy from Great West Engineering, to follow up with the zoom meeting from earlier today. Spoke about looking at the old bank and seeing what it would take to fix the building.

4:38 p.m. Commissioners reviewed the minutes from the November 15<sup>th</sup>, 2024, meeting.

4:47 p.m. Commissioner Keltner made a motion to accept the minutes as corrected for November 15<sup>th</sup>, 2024, seconded by Commissioner Devlin, "all in favor" motion passed.

4:50 p.m. Commissioner Devlin made a motion to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Commissioner Keltner, "all in favor" motion passed.

Signed this 8<sup>th</sup> day of December 2023.



Todd Devlin, Commissioner Chair

ATTEST:



Shari Robertson, Clerk & Recorder