

Prairie County Board of Commissioners Meeting

July 6th, 2023

*Prairie County Court House Commissioners Room
217 West Park St Terry, MT 59349*

Prairie County Board of Commissioners Todd Devlin, and Christine Keltner met in a budget session at 8 a.m. Dennis Teske was out on a medical issue. In attendance was Commissioner Secretary Harry McNall.

8:00 a.m. Public Comment on Budget Matters. (No public comment) Pledge of allegiance was performed.

8:30 a.m. John Pisk with DES to discuss Budget for FY24. John will contact the state DES on incoming funds being shorted (\$14,637.05) for FY23.

9:00 a.m. Road Supervisor Todd Henry to discuss Road Budget FY24.

10:37 a.m. Rolane Christofferson to discuss the Budget for the Library FY24 plus other observers.

11:05 a.m. Reviewed Attorney Dan Rice Budget request, Dan Rice was not present.

11:20 a.m. Dale Hellman to discuss Cemetery and Corner discussion on Budget FY24.

12:00 p.m. Lunch

1:00 p.m. Shari Robertson for Clerk & Records, Elections and District Court Budget discussion.

1:45 p.m. Dwight Tague for discussion on Fire Budget FY24.

2:05 p.m. Tylene Eaton for discussion on Public Health, Meals on Wheels, Homemaker and Personal Care Budget FY24.

2:40 p.m. Commissioner reviewed minutes from the June 28th, 2023 meeting.

2:50 p.m. Commissioner Keltner made a motion to accept the June 28th, 2023 minutes, seconded by commissioner Devlin, "all in favor" motion passed.

2:55 p.m. Commissioner Teske joined the meeting.

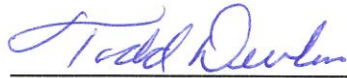
3:00 p.m. Mark Dolatta and Dan Tomason for Predator Control Budget discussion for FY24.

3:40 p.m. Jennifer Grey Eagle for Ambulance budget Discussion FY24.

4:15 p.m. Mary Bucher for Justice of the Peace Budget Discussion FY24.

5:00 p.m. Commissioner Teske made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Commissioner Keltner, "all in favor" motion passed.

Signed this 19th day of July 2023.



Todd Devlin, Commissioner Chair

ATTEST:



Shari Robertson, Clerk & Recorder

Prairie County Board of Commissioners Meeting

July 13th, 2023

Prairie County Court House Commissioners Room

217 West Park St Terry, MT 59349

Prairie County Board of Commissioners Todd Devlin, Dennis Teske and Christine Keltner met in a budget session at 2 p.m. In attendance was Commissioner Secretary Harry McNall.

2:00 p.m. Public Comment on Budget. Commissioners reviewed correspondence.

2:25 p.m. Pledge of Allegiance was performed.

2:55 Karen Rauch with the Senior Center/Congregate Meals for budget discussion FY24.

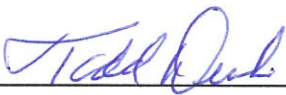
3:35 p.m. Various discussions on budget items.

3:40 p.m. Randy Robertson for Mosquito District Budget Discussion FY24.

4:10 p.m. Commissioners and Clerk & Recorder worked on Budget Review, worksheet revenue and expenditures.


6:15 p.m. Commissioner Teske made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Commissioner Keltner, "all in favor", motion passed.

Signed this 19th day of July 2023.



Todd Devlin, Commissioner Chair

ATTEST:



Shari Robertson, Clerk & Recorder

Prairie County Board of Commissioners Meeting

July 5th, 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 a.m. In attendance was Commissioner Secretary Harry McNall and Road Specialist Gary Pfiefler.

9:00 a.m. Public Comment on Agenda Matter. (No public comment) Pledge of allegiance was performed.

9:15 a.m. Gary Pfiefler went over the report he created for the Cherry Creek Pit. He also provided documentation from his work for the county's future use. Road Supervisor Todd Henry joined the meeting. Various conversations about gravel pits. Gary suggested having off-site storage for the documents that he has at his home for the county. Todd Henry looked at the bridge out by the cemetery and would be about \$6000 to repair correctly. Todd Henry provided other updates from the road department.

10:00 a.m. Dale Tribby joined the meeting to update the commissioners on the Sage Grouse EIS. The outline of the update can be found in Appendix 1.

10:30 a.m. Jody Haidle, Karyn Rein & Carleen Gaub joined the meeting to discuss the Prairie County Food Bank. They have received a letter about being a government entity and think it's time to separate from the county. They are not a government entity, and they will move their money to the Stockman bank, for their donations towards the Prairie County Cares Program. They are asking for the funds that are in the Christmas/food bank fund account 5530. They are requesting just the amount that was donated for the Christmas fund. A vote on Separation of Christmas Funds has been added to the July 19th, 2023 commissioners meeting.

11:00 a.m. Commissioners reviewed Expenditures, Journal Adjustments and Claims/vouchers.

Budget Adjustment #8 \$171,683.00 correct a duplication error.

Journal Adjustment Voucher #484 \$202.45 Reference Voucher #465, and 482

Journal Adjustment Voucher #499 \$592.00, #498 \$32.00 Reference Voucher # 464 & 483

11:12 a.m. Commissioner Devlin made a motion to accept the Meals on Wheels contract, seconded by Commissioner Keltner, "all in favor" motion passed.

11:13 a.m. Commissioner Keltner made a motion to accept the Area 1 Agency On Aging Commodity contract #2024-152AA (Commodities), seconded by Commissioner Teske, "all in favor" motion passed.

Claims for FY23 and the final bill for the auditors.

Prairie County Voucher # 1130 \$ 500.00

Prairie County Voucher # 1128 \$ 12,889.00

Prairie County Voucher # 1129 \$ 1,358.53

Claims for FY24

Prairie County Voucher # 1000 \$145,908.72

Prairie County Voucher # 1001 \$ 1,192.59

12:00 p.m. Lunch Break

1:00 p.m. Commissioners reviewed the final audit report from 2022.

1:30 p.m. Sheriff Keifer Lewis Budget discussion. Keifer explained all salary calculations, hours worked and other expenses that he used to come up with the numbers for his budget request.

2:30 p.m. Dale Galland for Airport Budget Discussion.

2:45 p.m. Sharla Sackman into visit about extension Budget discussion.

3:00 p.m. Public Comment (not on agenda) no public comment.

3:15 p.m. Sharla Sackman and Tom Pisk on Fair Board Budget discussion.

4:15 p.m. Sharl Sackman, and Travis Lacquement on Weed Board Budget discussion.

4:54 p.m. Voided check journal entry #5 \$44,861.45, and new check voucher #1002 \$44,861.44

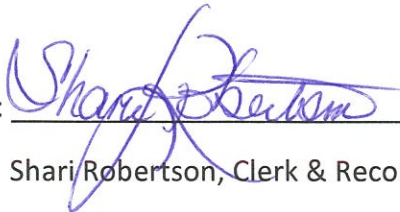
5:00 p.m. Commissioner Devlin made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Commissioner Keltner, "all in favor" motion passed.

Signed this 19th day of July 2023.



Todd Devlin, Commissioner Chair

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**Prairie County Commissioners Briefing
BLM Sage-Grouse EIS Talking Points
July 5, 2023**

What has transpired since the last briefing (May 17)

- Two different sets of comments submitted
 - **June 16 submittal**
 - Disturbance Cap
 - Habitat Objectives
 - Mitigation
 - Waivers, exceptions & modifications
 - Adaptive Management
 - **June 27 submittal**
 - Renewable Resources (wind/solar) – Major ROWs
 - Wild Horses and Burros
 - Fluid Leasing & Development Strategy/Objectives
 - Threats from Predation
 - Livestock Grazing
- What happens next
 - It sounds like most of the rest of this summer is scheduled for HQ and contractors to prepare and consolidate the Administrative Draft. If all goes accordingly, expect the opportunity to review the Draft for a two week block tentatively scheduled for 8/22 to 9/4. The NOA for the public release is in December, so the formal 90-day comment period will likely be Jan-March. We'll see the same materials again (adjusted for comments) only it will be in a more complete format with more volume.

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