

Prairie County Board of Commissioners Meeting

June 19th, 2024

*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 Commissioner Secretary Harry McNall.

9:00 a.m. Pledge of Allegiance & call to order. Chris Koppenhaver, Steve Tibbits and Road Supervisor Todd Henry joined the meeting. Steve Tibbits had a public comment about the road department, and new hire training and how bad some of the new hires operate machines. Todd Henry explained how he has changed his hiring process to include a fields skill test, showing that the application could drive truck, run graders etc as part of the interview process. Chris Koppenhaver provided some comments on what he has seen on truck hiring around Montana. Commissioner Devlin provided a sheet showing the possibility of increasing wages for the road department and what it would cost the county to increase the wages.

Chris Koppenhaver had a public comment on Kempton Hill Road, and he feels that more work is needed, to get it fixed. Todd Henry said he will go out there today and complete some additional work on that section of road. There were additional conversations on using Mag-Chloride, and gravel mixtures etc.

Commissioners and Todd Henry discussed the possibility of a BLM gravel contract for private use.

10:05 a.m. Commissioner Devlin opened the “Meals on Wheels Bid”, from the Prairie County Hospital District, with a bid of \$8.00 per meal delivered, no increase in price from the previous year. Note this was the only bid received.

10:06 a.m. Commissioner Keltner made a motion to accept the “Meals on Wheels bid”, from the Prairie County Hospital District for \$8.00 per meal, seconded by Commissioner Teske, “all in favor” motion passed.

10:10 a.m. Commissioners signed “Service Provider Designation form for Prairie County on Substance Abuse/Treatment/Prevention Services”.

10:25 a.m. Commissioner Teske called Eric Urban to ask a couple of questions about gravel pit comments that we are going to submit to the BLM. What interests the county has on old gravel pits and what information the county should provide to BLM.

11:00 a.m. Clerk & Recorder Shari Robertson provided the commissioners with the final audit review for them to review.

11:25 a.m. Commissioner Keltner has a request from Shane Mince about priority bridge repairs for the county. The commissioners reviewed state inspection documents for several bridges, and what repairs or concerns came from those inspections. Then they decided which bridge repairs

would take top priority. The top three priorities were sent to Jason Riddle with Montana Association of Counties (Maco).

12:00 p.m. Lunch Break

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

Prairie County Voucher # 1147 \$35,059.84

Prairie County Voucher # 1148 \$20,903.64

Prairie County Voucher # 1146 \$4301.80

1:43 p.m. Commissioners agreed and gave permission for Deputy Clerk & Recorder Aria Walter, to print the commissioner's signatures on the checks. It will still require commissioner's review and approval to issue checks.

2:00 p.m. Commissioners moved to the courtroom to have a meeting with the Prairie County Fair Board. Sharla Sackman provided updates to the commissioners. The fair board created a sub committee to determine upgrades to the barns, or a multi-purpose building with roll-up doors and other ideas. They have traveled and looked at a couple buildings around the area that are used for fair ground buildings. The board ask if the commissioners could help them decide what the operating costs of the building might be, the commissioners said a cost analyst would need to be done to come up with those numbers. Further development of a plan will move forward, and finding funding for the plan will also continue.

3:00 p.m. Tylene Eaton and Doug Rein joined the meeting to go over Title 6 Plan Transportation Meeting. The Title 6 plan is required by Montana Department of Transportation.

3:09 p.m. Commissioner Teske made a motion to approve the Title 6 plan for the Civil Rights Act of 1964 about nondiscrimination, seconded by Commissioner Keltner, "all in favor" motion passed.

3:30 p.m. Public comment not on agenda. No public comment.

3:59 p.m. Commissioner Teske made a motion to sign and accept the Treasurers Report, seconded by Commissioner Keltner, "all in favor" motion passed.

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

Signed this 26th day of June 2024



Todd Devlin, Commissioner Chair

ATTEST:



Shari Robertson, Clerk & Recorder