

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

September 27<sup>th</sup>, 2024

*Prairie County Court House Commissioners Room*

*217 West Park St Terry, MT 59349*

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

9:00 a.m. Commissioners joined the monthly coordination call on the Milwaukee bridge project. (Unable to record meeting, while on the meeting, because we are not hosting this call, we will work on figuring out a way to record while on the call for future meetings).

The plan is close to 95% complete, and when it hits 100% (mid-May 2025) it will be signed off and ready for bids to go out. It is anticipated that that work begins June or July 2025. The only change is an environmental assessment that must be done by US Fish and Wildlife (USFW), which takes about four months to complete and starts next week. The Federal Highway Administration is pushing to have this completed sooner rather than later to prevent any delays in the construction plan. There has been an increase in construction for other projects and if these projects cost more, it will not affect the county contributing financially to the project.

9:30 a.m. Various business conversations.

9:50 a.m. Commissioner Keltner suggested to have someone put together an estimate of work needed to put a drain field in the fairgrounds.

9:56 a.m. Commissioner Keltner read the minutes from the September 20<sup>th</sup>, 2024, commissioners meeting.

10:05 a.m. Commissioner Teske made a motion to accept the minutes from the September 20<sup>th</sup>, 2024, commissioners meeting as corrected, seconded Commissioner Keltner "all in favor" motion passed.

10:07 a.m. Commissioner Teske made a motion to adjourn the meeting, to make a trip out to cherry creek gravel pit, seconded by Commissioner Devlin, "all in favor Motion passed.

10:20 a.m. Commissioners looked and discussed the soil piles and the BLM's request to fence it off at the cherry creek gravel pit.

10:40 a.m. Commissioners returned to the courthouse.

10:50 a.m. Road supervisor Todd Henry, joined the meeting to discuss the cherry creek gravel pit and the work done there last week. He is having issues with the loader and will have it diagnosed.

11:00 a.m. Deputy Clerk & Recorder Aria Walters and County Nurse Tylene Eaton, joined the meeting. During budget a line in 1000 was closed and the health van expense were paid out of

that account. The commissioners said to use “2270 public health travel” account for van related expenses.

11:40 a.m. Commissioner Devlin signed the Healthy is Wellness contract

12:00 p.m. Lunch Break

1:00 p.m. Deputy Clerk & Recorder Aria Walters talked with commissioners about the budget for sheriff’s new vehicle. When the money comes into the county, it will go to sheriffs’ budget and then, paid out to the dealer in full.

1:38 p.m. Commissioner Devlin read the “first reading of”, “**Resolution NO. 25-10** A RESOLUTION PURSUANT TO 7-6-4006 OF THE MONATANA CODE ANNOTATED, AUTHORIZING AMENDMENT OF FINAL BUDGET FOR FY 2024-2025 IN THE GENERAL FUND TO ACCOUNT FOR UNANTICIPATED LOAN REVENUE FOR THE PURCHASE OF A SHERIFF’S VEHICLE”.

1:41 p.m. Commissioner Devlin made a motion for Resolution NO. 25-10 read and passed upon its final passage this 27<sup>th</sup> day of September 2024, seconded by Commissioner Teske, “all in favor” motion passed.

2:00 p.m. Andrea Bybee came in during public comment to update commissioners on the ambulance service and sale of vehicles. One cot sold; the other sale fell through. She will begin EMT training on new volunteers next week.

2:30 p.m. Commissioner Devlin left the meeting to attend the Grazing District meeting.

2:35 p.m. Clerk & Recorder Shari Robertson introduced a new employee Lanie Smith, who will be in the Clerk & Records office. She also provided the commissioners with payroll to review and sign.

Prairie County Voucher # 3      \$8,433.72

Prairie County Voucher # 1010 \$1,017.86

Prairie County Voucher # 1034 \$70,675.10

Prairie County Voucher # 1035 \$2,514.32

Prairie County Voucher # 1036 \$20,685.46

Prairie County Voucher # 1037 \$18,129.47

Prairie County Voucher # 1038 \$31,137.98

Claims for September 2024

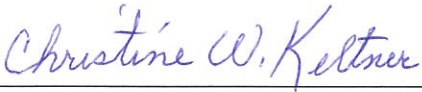
Prairie County Voucher # 1039 \$6,700.00

2:53 p.m. There was a brief discussion on audit in lieu. Shari would rather wait and try this “audit in lieu” next year, when there is not an election going on.

3:05 p.m. The commissioners reviewed expenditure sheets.

3:35 p.m. Commissioner Teske made a motion to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Commissioner Keltner “all in favor” motion passed.

Signed this 2<sup>nd</sup> day of October 2024

  
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Christine Keltner, Commissioner

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Shari Robertson, Clerk & Recorder