

Prairie County Board of Commissioners Meeting

February 5th, 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. Commissioner Devlin is in Helena at the legislative session. In attendance Road Supervisor Todd Henry, Sheriff Lewis and Administrative Assistant Harry McNall.

9:00 a.m. Commissioner Dennis Teske wanted to make a public comment. He gave a comment about his farm's history and involvement in sugar beets. He would rather see zoning that is enforceable through law rather than an agreement with NextEra. Dennis gave all the commissioners an article about decommissioning wind turbines. The commissioners should make errors on the side of the citizens. He had a comment about the airport board and members from county and town appointments.

9:30 a.m. Road Supervisor Todd Henry provided the commissioners with a proposed road agreement made by himself, Dawson and McCone County. Todd Henry suggested that the county puts out bids for a loader, and get funding secured before it becomes available. Commissioner Teske will go with Todd Henry to inspect and evaluate the loaders' condition.

10:00 a.m. County Attorney Dan Rice joined the meeting. Further discussion on road agreements, requirements and speed limits.

10:15 a.m. Deputy Clerk & Recorder Aria Walters had the commissioners sign Dale Tribby's final claim.

10:30 a.m. Delite Dukart with Watts Insurance went over with the commissioners MACO Insurance Renewal Policy for county vehicles and property.

11:00 a.m. Deputy Clerk & Recorder Aria Walters and Disaster Emergency Services (DES) John Pisk joined the meeting. They went over some ideas for the commissioner's room for seating etc.

12:00 p.m. Lunch Break

1:00 p.m. Deputy Clerk & Recorder Aria Walters provided commissioners with claims.

Prairie County Voucher # 1096 \$1,830.00

Prairie County Voucher # 1095 \$5,754.01

Prairie County Voucher # 1094 \$27,080.17

1:55 p.m. Sharla Sackman with the Fair Boad joined the meeting. This is public hearing number 1 for the Community Development Block Planning Grant from the Montana Department of Commerce. Teresa Olson phoned into the meeting. Sharla gave updates on the process of the grant, public notices in the newspaper and the commissioners' meetings. The Application is due

the first week of March 2025. Cindy Tusler joined the meeting. They reviewed possible funding sources for building the new fair building. The more uses that the community can come up with the better chances for funding.

Sharla gave a quick update on the weed board; they will be advertising for temporary workers.

The commissioners and Cindy had a conversation about Fish, Wildlife and Parks, about Block Management and helping with roads.

3:10 p.m. Todd Tibbitts: Comments concerning NextEra's Brochures that were sent out to all residents. He gave a rebuttal on their brochure: Their setbacks are too close and should be 8x as far back. The property tax estimates are much larger than reality. Commented on property value differences, blade shedding, etc.

A conversation about predator control around wind turbines, aircraft flight conditions presented by wind turbines. Fires are a concern, and the company should have their own equipment and personnel to fight fires created by wind turbines.

3:30 p.m. Travis Lacquement; He had a comment about hiring seasonal workers through the county weed board. He is concerned with the application process. He also commented about his accrued hours and snow removal, along with wages.

4:00 p.m. Lon Reukauf called into the meeting for public comment. He updated the commissioners on the next Land Planning Board meeting on February 5th, and they are looking at updating their bylaws, legislative support and more.

4:40 p.m. Commissioner Teske made a motion to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Commissioner Keltner "all in favor" motion passed.

Signed this 19th day of February 2025

Todd Devlin 2/19/25

Todd Devlin , Commissioner Chair

ATTEST:

Shari Robertson

Shari Robertson, Clerk & Recorder