

Prairie County Board of Commissioners Meeting

June 11th, 2025

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 and Road Supervisor Todd Henry.

9:00 a.m. Pledge of Allegiance, public comment.

9:16 a.m. Clerk & Recorder Shari Robertson received a call from Ross Feehan with NextEra asking if he could be added to the agenda for June 18th, 2025, to discuss the decommissioning agreement. The commissioners agreed. The commissioner's cancelled the meeting on June 18th, 2025, there will be no meeting.

9:20 a.m. Announcement that the commissioners will attend Local Emergency Planning Committee.

9:30 a.m. Road Supervisor Todd Henry, updated the commissioners on road work done near Fallon and 10 mile. Discussion on weed control by the road department.

10:15 a.m. Commissioners will be cancelling the June 18th, 2025, meeting to attend the Oil & Gas meeting in Baker Montana.

10:20 p.m. Commissioner Keltner read the minutes from the Commissioners May 28th, 2025, commissioners meeting.

10:30 a.m. Commissioner Teske made a motion to accept the Commissioner minutes from the May 28th, 2025, commissioners meeting as corrected, seconded by Commissioner Devlin, "all in favor" motion passed.

10:31 a.m. County Treasurer Garrett Lapp with treasurer cash report, and authorization for the May investments. The commissioners signed the May Investment Authorization Report. Garrett would like to balance the county by moving the excess funds into the general fund.

10:45 a.m. Commissioner Keltner made a motion to have the Treasurer do the cash reconciliation in the amounts \$166.42 moved to the "General Revenue Miscellaneous Funds" seconded by Commissioner Teske, "all in favor" motion passed.

10:47 a.m. Commissioner Keltner made a motion to accept the treasurer report, second by Commissioner Devlin, "all in favor" motion passed.

11:00 a.m. Rolane Christofferson with the Library spoke with the commissioners about the cost of running a black plastic pipe line from the well to the library. The estimate for the work is \$3930.00.

11:20 a.m. Commissioner Teske made a motion to accept the bid from Prairie Plumbing to fix the potable water line at the library, out of building maintenance 100.400, seconded by Commissioner Keltner, “all in favor” motion passed.

11:30 a.m. Commissioners reviewed Resolution 25-22, and DUI Task Force Plan for SouthEastern Montana.

11:33 a.m. Commissioner Keltner made a motion to approve Resolution 25-22 “Resolution Approving the Southeast Montana DUI Task Force Plan and Membership for SFY 25-26” seconded by Commissioner Teske, “all in favor” motion passed.

11:35 a.m. Commissioners signed the Southeast Montana DUI Task Force Plan Custer, Rosebud, Prairie & Powder River County.

12:00 p.m. Commissioners went to the Local Emergency Preparedness Committee LEPC Meeting in the courthouse for lunch.

1:00 p.m. Commissioners meeting resumed. Ross Freehan with NextEra called in to speak to commissioners about setting a date to be on the agenda, he wants to present them with the “Decommissioning Agreement Draft”.

Deputy Clerk & Recorder Aria Walters provided commissioners with claims and adjustments.

Clerk & Recorder Shari Roberts spoke to the commissioners about Meals on Wheels Bid opening on Wednesday June 18th, 2025. The commissioners will zoom in from the Baker Oil Gas & Coal MAGOCC Meeting in Baker Montana, with video to discuss the bids and make a decision.

Prairie County Voucher # 1145 \$81,765.11

Prairie County Voucher# 1146 \$29,713.62

House Bill 85 SRS for local law enforcement contributions from employer side and retro pay to July 1st of 2023, retirement fund. They had in depth discussion on previous actions to support retirement in the past, and what is happening now with HB85. This is a permissive levy, discussion on how to pay the proposed bill.

Brief discussion on salaries for budget and where to get the funding for the next year. As well as current funds compared to last year vs this year. There was a discussion on the road department crew hours and positions.

Bernie Shaaf with the museum board, wanting to know what the commissioner’s preference is on water supply to the museum. Would it be better to try to link to the community center? There was discussion on drilling well just for the museum, which would be about \$5000.

Commissioners had various discussions on legislation that recently went through during the 2025 session.

3:00 p.m. Public Comment: Various discussions, no public comment.

Commissioner Keltner made a motion to sign the USDA Predator Control Contracts Sheep Contract \$645.00 and Cattle \$17,405.50, seconded by Commissioner Teske "all in favor" motion passed.

4:00 p.m. Senior Center board members joined the meeting to discuss the final bill for the generator installation at the senior center. Where is the money coming from to pay the bill? The generator benefits the whole county not just the senior center. Commissioner Teske suggested that the county pay 3/4th of the bill, and the Council on Aging pays 1/4th of the bill. \$22904.24. COA \$5726.06 and the county will pay \$17,178.18.

Signed this 27th day of June 2025



Todd Devlin, Commissioner Chair

ATTEST: 

Shari Robertson, Clerk & Recorder