

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

**April 9<sup>th</sup>, 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.

9:30 a.m. Commissioners discussed the purchase of the loader and the old loader status.

9:38 a.m. Commissioner Devlin read the agreement with Stockman Bank for the loan on the new loader.

9:40 a.m. Commissioner Teske made a motion to sign the Stockman Bank loan agreement for the purchase of 2008 John Deere 724K Front End Loader, discussion on what funds to use for the payments, it will be discussed during budget, seconded by Commissioner Keltner, “all in favor” motion passed. The motion has been cancelled until a Resolution is completed.

9:50 a.m. Commissioners discussed recent applicants and interviews for the road department. Road Supervisor Todd Henry ask to hire both applicants, because he has a guy retiring and excess wages in the budget.

10:13 a.m. Commissioner Keltner made a motion to hire both applicants, seconded by Commissioner Teske, “all in favor” motion passed.

10:15 a.m. Discussion on bridges and communication with Great West Engineering Brandon Duffey.

10:40 a.m. Jenna McKinney with the Commissioner of Securities and Insurance to check in with the commissioners.

10:55 a.m. County Attorney Dan Rice joined the meeting. Discussion on Opioid Settlement Funds, the funds coming to Prairie County will be diverted to the Eastern Montana Mental Health fund in Mile’s city. Dan also updated the commissioners on the audit and other information.

11:25 a.m. Commissioner Keltner read the minutes from the March 26<sup>th</sup>, 2025, commissioners meeting.

11:32 a.m. Commissioner Keltner made a motion to accept the minutes from March 26<sup>th</sup>, 2025, commissioners meeting as corrected, seconded Commissioner Teske, “all in favor” motion passed.

11:55 a.m. Commissioners spoke to Brandon Duffey with Great West Engineering about bridge estimates and scope of work on Hwy 340 and 4084 bridges.

12:00 p.m. Lunch Break

1:10 p.m. Deputy Clerk & Recorder Aria Walters provided the commissioners with claims to review and sign.

Prairie County Voucher # 1117 \$55,869.62

Prairie County Voucher # 1118 \$10,862.51

1:55 p.m. Clerk & Recorder Shari Robertson, provided commissioners with journal vouchers.

Journal adjustment # 382 correct to journal voucher #91

Journal adjustment per auditors #379, 380, 381, 382

2:05 p.m. Commissioner Teske made a motion to accept and approve the adjustment for the "ARPA distribution of funds into road for purchase of Rotary Mower for \$38,000 on 8/8/2024 and for the purchase of Straw Waddles 11/07/2024 and designating funds to the fair \$43,401.32, seconded by Commissioner Keltner, "all in favor" motion passed.

2:30 p.m. Sharla Sackman, Tom Pisk, Travis Choat, with the Fair Board updated the Commissioners on the feedback from the Bannock group. When raising money for the project, people can donate funds to the county fair board and use it as a tax deduction. The board is asking for \$15,000 with an option to ask for \$7500 to continue using Bannock for a few more months.

2:49 p.m. Commissioner Keltner made a motion to give the Fair Board \$15,000 out of account 2992 operating funds, seconded by Commissioner Teske, "all in favor" motion passed.

3:00 p.m. public comment

3:15 p.m. Deputy Clerk & Recorder Aria Walters presented information on possible website hosting companies.

3:00 p.m. Lon Reukauf updated the commissioners on recent meetings, growth plan and other activities. April 16<sup>th</sup>, 1:30 p.m. call with Jerry Gerbenz with Great West Engineering, hopefully finalizing the Growth Plan. Planning on presenting the Growth Plan with Commissioners on April 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2025. Public hearing for growth plan update May 8<sup>th</sup> from 3p.m. to 7 p.m. at the courthouse in Terry.

Lon ask the commissioners for \$3000 more to complete the Growth Policy for Great West Engineering. Commissioners gave the land planning board permission to spend the money needed.

Lon and the county commissioners reviewed the bi-laws for the Land Planning Board.

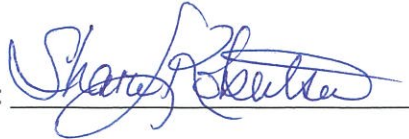
5:09 p.m. Commissioner Teske made a motion to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Commissioner Devlin "all in favor" motion passed.

Signed this 23<sup>th</sup> day of April 2025



Todd Devlin, Commissioner Chair

ATTEST:



Shari Robertson, Clerk & Recorder