

**Commission Proceedings**  
**01-17-2023**

The Board of Carter County Commissioners met in regular session on Tuesday January 17, 2023, in the Carter County Commission Board Meeting Room of the Carter County Courthouse at 214 Park Street in Ekalaka, Montana. Rod Tauck, Chairman; Mike Watkins, Vice Chairman; and Pamela Castleberry, member was present.

The meeting was called to order at 9:00 AM.

Shannon Hewson, Senior Engineer of Broz Engineering stepped into the meeting to visit about upcoming projects.

Gravel truck bid opening for 2023-2024 truck. Guest include Road Department supervisor Carl Knapp, Floyd Truck Center representative Martin Noll, and Clerk and Recorder Judy Wright.

\*Tri State Truck Center – no bid \*Black Hill Truck and Trailer – \$186,820.90 \*Floyds Truck Center- \$192,694.00

Carl will review the bids and return to the meeting at 1:00 pm today for the bid award.

Old Hospital building, Brownfield Grant / Adaapta meeting. Online guests included Maggie Bellinger of K-Tab, Mary Hashem and Kate Lucas from Adaapta. Public Health manager Stefanie Harrington, Attorney Corbit Harrington joined the meeting. Bellinger, Hashem, and Lucas have reviewed the Old Hospital feasibility study by McKinstry Consultants in 2016.

They discussed numerous possible uses for the building, including demo of the Clinic area built in 1930's. Other possible uses include a Senior Center, housing units, and office space. The next steps will be setting up community meetings in Alzada, Boyes and Ekalaka for community input. Maggie Bellinger with K-Tab will set up the advertising for the meetings to tentatively be set for May 22<sup>nd</sup> – 24<sup>th</sup> 2023. K-Tab will prepare information for the meetings by February.

The ID-ME set up for the American Recovery Act Funding (ARPA) will be changed to Clerk and Recorder Judy Wright as per the Carter County Commissioners.

Commissioner Watkins made the motion to approve the application of Samantha Kanode as a member of the Fair Board. Commissioner Castleberry seconded the motion. There was no public comment and the motion carried.

The meeting broke for lunch at 11: 53 and was called to order at 1: 00 pm.

Road Supervisor Carl Knapp joined the meeting to award the bids for the gravel truck. He didn't find any difference or missing specifications in two bids the County received. Commissioner Watkins made the motion to accept the bid from Black Hills Truck and Trailer for a Kenworth Truck in the amount of \$186,820.90. Commissioner Castleberry seconded the motion. There was no public comment and the motion carried.

Carl requested permission to sell or auction surplus Road Department property. The commission requested that he bring in a list of items to be approved at an upcoming meeting. Carl left the meeting.

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There was discussion of sewer and heating at the old hospital building and the Senseth house with guest Phil Cook.

Commissioner Watkins made the motion to approve the minutes from January 09, 2023. Commissioner Castleberry seconded the motion. There was no public comment and the motion carried.

There was a meeting with the Public Health Board including Dana Eshelman, Sharon Carroll, Steve DeFord and Rona Meyer. Jessica Walker was absent. Other guests included County attorney Corbit Harrington, Clerk and Recorder Judy Wright, Public Health nurse Kirstie Nelson, and Public Health Manager Stefanie Harrington. The Health Board minutes were read and approved.

Rona Meyer reported that Department of Health and Human Services suggested that Carter County Public Health does a needs assessment survey. This would help facilitate acquiring grants to help fill those needs. DPHHS also has no issues with the two public health nurses sharing the duties of the Public health Officer.

The Board reviewed the Public Health Officer appointment description and the draft proposal for PHO duties. Kirstie and the Trish submitted the draft over view of duties that would be shared by the two Public Health nurses. The Board discussed compensation, training, roles and responsibilities. The Board requested that the language in the draft be clarified to specify Carter County Board of Health throughout the document. There was a motion made by Sharon and seconded by Rona to recommend the draft to the Commissioners with the above changes.

There was a discussion regarding A Community Health Assessment and Women, Infants and Children (WIC) program.

Immunization and Standing Orders will be provided by Dr. Darryl Espeland July, 2023 – June 30, 2024. Carter County Public Health as signed up with Rocky Mountain Health Network as the next step to provide billing Medicare, Medicaid and private insurance.

The next Public Health Board meeting will be held at 12:00 pm on Tuesday, April 18<sup>th</sup> in the Dahl Memorial conference room. The Public Health Board meeting adjourned at 4:11.

There being no further business the Commissioners meeting adjourned at 4:20 pm.

**Board of County Commissioners**

**Carter County, Montana**

  
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**Rod Tauck, Chairman**

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**Clerk of the Board**