

**Commission Proceedings  
02-28-2023**

The Board of Carter County Commissioners met in regular session on Tuesday February 28, 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 by Rod Tauck at 9:00 AM. There was no public comment.

The Commission reviewed and approved Payroll in the amount of \$242,462.47 and claims in the amount of \$139,036.58.

The Commission discussed the Legislative update and the MACo meeting held last week.

Attorney Corbit Harrington joined the meeting.

Commissioner Watkins made the motion to sign the Zoning Compliance form for the Padden Land & Cattle LLC gravel pit. Commissioner Castleberry seconded the motion. There was no public comment and the motion carried.

Slate Architect sent the Hospital Generator Cost Option plans that has been updated as of their last visit in January 2023.

Fish Wildlife and Parks (FWP) Brett Dorak, Wildlife Manager and Brad Schmitz, Regional Manager and Carter County Predator Board President Jeff Tauck joined the meeting. Brett and Brad presented mule deer survival rates based on 2021 and 2022 Spring surveys. These numbers are lower then anticipated do to the continued drought, winter storms and predation by coyotes. FWP is proposing to offer funding to the Area Predator Boards, including Carter County, for the up coming spring season with approval of the program from FWP, County Commission and local Predator Boards. The FWP funds would work with the established County Predator program. Jeff will schedule a Board meeting in March to review the program. FWP will set in motion public comment and Memorandum of Understanding (MOU).

The meeting adjourned at 12:00 pm and reconvened at 1:00 pm.

Bid opening for Road and Bridge surplus property. Road and Bridge Supervisor Carl Knapp joined the meeting.

<b>8230 Cat Dozer</b>	E. Melum \$777.00	Jespersion Const. \$2,676.00	<b>Knapp Excavation \$6,075.00</b>
<b>Screening Plant with trailer</b>	<b>Knapp Logging \$1,050.00</b>		
<b>40' Conveyor</b>	<b>Knapp Excavation \$525.00</b>		
<b>100' Stacking Conveyor</b>	<b>Knapp Excavation \$200.00</b>		

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<b>Arial Lift</b>	<b>Murphy Hill Inc.</b>	J. Gerleman	
	<b>\$1,150.00</b>	\$1,000.00	
<b>1998 Midland gravel Trailer</b>	E. Melum \$777.00	C. Laughery \$1650.00	<b>R. Arpan \$1876.00</b>
<b>1993 Ford Dump Truck</b>	E. Melum \$1,700.00	<b>Knapp Logging \$3050.00</b>	

Carl provided information on two upcoming bridge projects. The department received word that the bumper for the 2022 gravel truck will be in next week. Carl left the meeting.

The Commissioner Watkins moved to sign the fuel Tax Certification of roadway miles for 2024. Commissioner Castleberry seconded the motion. There was no public comment and the motion carried.

The Public Safety MOU with Fallon Co and Powder River Co. are in negotiations with the respective Sheriffs Offices’.

Commissioner Castleberry made the motion to approve the proceedings for February 13, 2023. Commissioner Watkins seconded the motion. There was no public comment and the motion carried.

There was a call in from DIS Technologies to set up computer software updates.

Clerk and Recorder Judy Wright stepped into the meeting to provide an EMS and County addressing update.

The Fair Board meeting scheduled for this evening will be rescheduled for a later date.

The commission continued discussing legislative updates.

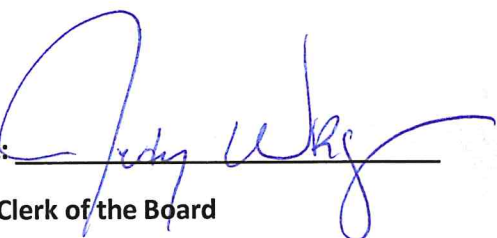
There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 3:30.

**Board of County Commissioners**

**Carter County, Montana**

  
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**Rod Tauck, Chairman**

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**Clerk of the Board**