

**Commission Proceedings  
04-28-2023**

The Board of Carter County Commissioners met in regular session on Friday, April 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. Pamela Castleberry, was absent.

The meeting was called to order at 9:00 AM by Chairman Rod Tauck. There was no public comment.

The commission approved claims in the amount of \$ 130,898.14 and payroll in the amount of \$238,886.14.

Tricia Lovec Senior Transportation director joined the meeting with driver applications. Commissioner Watkins made the motion to hire Christy Bruce and Jay Beach as senior transportation drivers. Commissioner Tauck seconded the motion. There was no public comment and the motion carried. Tricia left the meeting.

Attorney Corbit Harrington and Dahl Memorial CEO Ryan Tooke joined the meeting. Ryan requested a time on the agenda to present the quarterly update for Dahl Memorial. The time was set for May 08, 2023 at 11:00 am.

Gary Hablutzel from Innovative Benefits and Joint Powers Trust Insurance joined the meeting for the annual Health Insurance review. He has a quote outlining the choice between a \$500.00 or \$1,00.00 deductible. There was discussion regarding offering Health Savings Plan as well. Gary did not have the information to offer the plan with him. He will reach out to the Commission later in the week. Gary left the meeting.

Durm Road easement was discussed with a review of the map of the area.

The meeting broke for lunch at 12:00 was called to order at 1:00 p.m.

Guests included Attorney Harrington and Road and Bridge Supervisor Carl Knapp.

Greg Benjamin of Stahly Engineering called into the meeting, he has been in contact with Don from Don's Electric who will be reaching out to the commission to set up a peer review of the hospital generator project. The call ended with Greg.

The Road department update by Carl included the completion of the car gate cleaning and preparing areas of the Chalk Buttes and Old Plevna roads for Chloride to be applied this spring.

The Commission signed Lease agreement for the Kerr/Moore Gravel Pit.

Carl received permission to sell surplus property for sealed bids. The items include 2003 ½ ton Chevy Pickup, 8ft. flat bed dual wheel trailer with tommy lift, Hobart gas welder/generator. Welder does not work. 10ft. truck snow plow, 3406B Cat engine, needs rebuilt, and 8.3 Cummins engine in unknown condition. Sealed bids will be due May 22, at 12:00 pm. Carl left the meeting.

Clerk and Recorder Judy Wright joined the meeting with a maintenance contract for the generators at the old hospital from West Central Environmental Consultants. The generators are not in use at this time and the commission does not have a plan for the building, they have decided to revisit the maintenance contract at a later date.

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Judy also presented a contract for spill protection/ Insurance plan for the airport fuel tanks in the amount of \$4,000.00. Commissioner Watkins made the motion to approve the airport fuel tanks spill plan. Commissioner Tauck seconded the motion. There was no public comment and the motion carried.

Commissioner Watkins made the motion to approve the meeting minutes for April 10<sup>th</sup> and 17<sup>th</sup> 2023. Commissioner Tauck seconded the motion. there was no public comment and the motion carried.

The commission reviewed Correspondence.

There being no further business the meeting adjourned at 2:18.

**Board of County Commissioners**

**Carter County, Montana**

  
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Rod Tauck, Chairman

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Clerk of the Board