

## **Commission Proceedings**

**06-05-2023**

The Board of Carter County Commissioners met on Wednesday, May 31 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 were present.

There was no public comment.

Commissioner Watkins made the motion to approve the proceedings for May 22, 2023. Commissioner Castleberry seconded the motion. There was no public comment and the motion carried.

Amanda Williams Carter/ Fallon Extension program budget review. She elected to make no changes to her budget. Upcoming plans in Extension / 4-H All Events day, Master Gardener program, and craft programs. 4-H program. Amanda left the meeting.

Pat Kalstrom, Ekalaka Public Librarian and Denise Strickland, Library Board member joined the meeting for the budget review. The Library programs are doing well. Pat and Denice left the meeting.

Attorney Harrington joined the meeting.

Commissioner Watkins made the motion to approve the Public Health Task Order # 24-071-01-106 for Fiscal Year 2023-2024 Commissioner Castleberry seconded the motion. There was no public comment and the motion carried.

Stefan Livingston Weed Supervisor and Taylor Kuntz Weed Department Administrative Assistant joined the meeting to present The Weed Department Budget.

Stefan and Taylor requested permission to sell surplus Weed Department property by sealed bid. The Commission requested a list of the items that would be up for bid before granting permission.

The meeting broke for lunch at 12:15 and reconvened at 1:05 pm.

Justice of the Peace, Kathy Rosencranz joined the meeting to discuss the ad for the Part-time Justice Clerk Position review. Kathy has advertised the position as Permanent part-time, 24 to 40 hours a week 5 days a week.

Attorney Harrington joined the meeting.

The Commission received a call from Lizzy Robertson, Eastern Plains Economic Development Corporation to inform the Commission about the CTAP grant available for local governments.

There was discussion regarding the Hospital lease agreement and the concrete pad on the Southside of the building.

The Commission received and approved the list of surplus property that the Weed Department would like to sell by sealed bids.

Carter County Maintenance Bob Jacobs joined the meeting to let the commission know that he received permission to use the Camp Needmore mower trailer from the Camp Needmore Board. There was also a discussion pertaining to the Otis elevator bill. The bill was given to Attorney Harrington who suggested

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that the Deputy Clerk and Recorder pen a letter for the Commission to email to Otis regarding the charge.

The Commission discussed Minutes Clerk Melissa Schwede's hours worked for the Commission and the Road and Bridge Department. They agreed to table the discussion and decision to change her hours to full time and Change her title to Administrative assistant to the Thursday, May 11, 2023 meeting.

Dale Butori Fallon County DES (Disaster and Emergency Services) Coordinator and Georgia Bruski Carter County DES Coordinator joined the meeting. Dale presented an updated copy of the DES (Memorandum of Understanding) MOU between Carter, Fallon and Wibaux Counties.

Due to the changes in Federal 911 Dispatch funding Fallon County DES is requesting that Carter and Wibaux Counties make a yearly payment of \$33,333.00 to the 911 Dispatch fund to be used for equipment, maintenance and salaries.

Commissioner Castleberry made the motion to approve the yearly payment to the 911 Dispatch fund to Fallon Co. DES in the amount of \$33,333.00 for fiscal year 2023- 2024. Commissioner Watkins seconded the motion. there was no public comment and the motion carried.

Commissioner Watkins made the motion to approve to sign the MOU agreement between Fallon, Carter and Wibaux Counties. Commissioner Castleberry seconded the motion. There was no public comment and the motion carried.

Dale sees the next steps with the 911 on Dispatch and cooperation with the DES departments is to form an advisory group that may consist of members from each of the 3 counties. He will be in touch as the plans for the advisory committee is formed.

They are in the process of switching the carrier for the text to page system. They will go out for bid on the new dispatch equipment, with the project completion date set as June 1, 2024.

Georgia and Dale left the meeting.

Deputy Clerk and Recorder Dana Eshelman joined the meeting as the Commission requested that she draft an email to be sent to Otis elevator services with regard to the emergency call charge of \$4,600.00.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 4:00 pm.

**Board of County Commissioners**

**Carter County, Montana**

  
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**Rod Tauck, Chairman**

Attest:   
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**Clerk of the Board**