

Commission Proceedings
06-08-2023

The Board of Carter County Commissioners met on Thursday, June 08 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

Commissioners Castleberry and Tauck attended the Montana Association of Counties (MACo) meeting in Wolf Point June 06, 2023. They gave a brief update on topics discussed including audits for all leases.

Attorney Harrington and Clerk and Recorder Judy Wright joined the meeting.

Deputy Treasurer Cecile Kuehn stepped into the meeting with questions pertaining to FMLA leave and Health Insurance coverage based on time employed. The Commission stated that they granted leave without pay and as such will provide a letter of documentation. Cecile left the meeting.

Old Airport-Cement Plant pasture lease bid opening. There was one bid received. It was from Dell Dague in the amount of \$660.00. Commissioner Watkins made the motion to accept the bid from Dell in the amount of \$660.00 for the agricultural lease of the Old airport-cement plant pasture. Commissioner Castleberry seconded the motion. There was no public comment and the motion carried.

Clerk and Recorder Judy Wright left the meeting.

Corbit has discussed the possibility of a Jet A fuel Contract with Plus Flying service with the Airport Board members. The regulations for testing, storage and use are limiting the possibilities that Jet A fuel system at the airport will be a possibility.

Attorney Harrington presented budget for fiscal year 2023-2024.

Commissioner Watkins made the motion to approve the drug and alcohol testing contract with Lane and Associates for July 1, 2023-2024. Commissioner Castleberry seconded the motion. There was no public comment and the motion carried.

Clerk and Recorder Judy Wright commented that there is still equipment left at the rodeo grounds from the community auction held May 06, 2023.

Arnold Rychner, maintenance for Carter County Public schools joined the meeting where he has plans to replace the fence around the school housing located adjacent to County property. He requested permission to attach new chain link fence to the corner of the County fence. The commission agreed to allow Carter County Public Schools to connect to the Corner of the fence. Arnold left the meeting.

County Public Health manager Stefanie Harrington requested via email, signatures on a Community Public Health Assessment Task order. The documents would have been sent by email to be docu-signed this week. If the commission does not receive them she will have them re-sent.

Commissioner Watkins made the motion to approve the Commission proceedings from May 05, 2023. Commissioner Castleberry seconded the motion. There was no public comment and the motion carried.

The meeting broke for lunch at 11:50 and was called to order at 1:00 pm

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Attorney Harrington, Treasurer Jesi Pierson and Deputy Treasurer Cecile Kuehn joined the meeting were Jesi presented Resolution 06082023-01 to set up the Carter County longevity pay scale. Commissioner Watkins asked if this will be based on years served. Cecile stated that it is and that it should have varying start dates. Commissioner Castelberry request that a vote on the Resolution be set for the next meeting so that the Resolution may be posted on the agenda. Commissioner Watkins thanked Jesi and Cecile for the work put into research and figures for the Longevity program.

The group discussed the option to increase salaries for part time and seasonal employees as they would not be eligible for longevity pay. There was no motion made to increase salaries for seasonal or part-time employees.

Jesi presented the Treasurers budget for fiscal year 2023-2024.

The Commission signed the agricultural lease agreement for the Old Airport-Cement plant pasture with Dell Dague.

The Commission considered the hours of work for minutes clerk Melissa Schwede. She currently works 4 to 8 hours a month for the Road Department with the remainder of the weekly 27 hours used for Commissioners duties.

Commissioner Watkins made the motion to approve Melissa Schwede for 40 hours a week with 10 hours for the Road Department and 30 for the Commission as an Administrative Assistant. starting July 1, 2023. Commissioner Castleberry seconded the motion. There was no public comment and the motion carried.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 2:35.

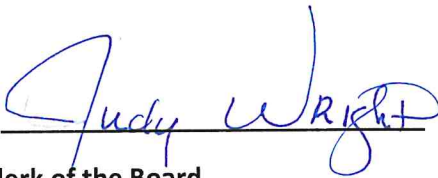
Board of County Commissioners

Carter County, Montana



Rod Tauck, Chairman

Attest:



Clerk of the Board