

Commission Proceedings
06-19-2023

The Board of Carter County Commissioners met on Monday June 19, 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

Guests: Senior Coordinator Tricia Lovec, Jimi Willison Fix, Linda Zittlow and Myrna Tooke

Commissioner Castleberry made the motion to approve the June 5th and June 8th, 2023 Commissioners Proceedings. Commissioner Watkins seconded the motion. There was no public comment and the motion carried.

Senior Congregate meals bid opening: one bid received from Jimi Willison Fix in the amount of \$15.00 a plate. Commissioner Watkins made the motion to accept Jimi's bid of \$15.00 a plate providing that she acquires an independent contractors license. Commissioner Castleberry seconded the motion. There was no public comment and the motion carried.

Tracey Walker, Superintendent of Schools / Clerk of Courts presented 2023-2024 Budget. She requested an increase for salaries and supplies and she plans to purchase chairs for the jury room. She is also looking into having a Galley wall in courtroom.

Christy Bruce, Custodian stepped into the meeting to request permission to purchase 9 bags of mulch for the tree rings and flower beds in the Courthouse front lawn. After discussion, the commission approved the purchase of 15 bags of mulch to saving trips to purchase more later and to be used as needed.

Commissioner Tauck has been in contact with McKenzie McCarthy, Counsel Montana Association of Counties (MACo) with regard to the longevity policy that was signed June 12, 2023 by the Commission. The longevity is normally based on the position the employee currently holds.

The commission discussed the hospital generator project and placed a call to Corey Hesiak about electrical engineering scope of work on the proposed project.

Patricia Laughlin joined the meeting with questions regarding the Carter County Public Health Budget and Human Resources (HR).

The meeting broke for lunch at 11:54 and was called to order at 1:00 with Commissioners Tauck and Castleberry were present. Commissioner Watkins was absent. Clerk and Recorder Judy Wright joined the meeting.

Fair Board members Seth Whitney and Cam LaBree joined the meeting with the Fair Board 2023-2024 budget. They will increase salaries and discussed the rodeo grounds painting. The project was started last year by a contractor, but has not been completed. The Fair Board is looking into other options to get the project completed.

Clerk and Recorder 2023-204 Budget review with Clerk and Recorder Judy Wright. Increase in salaries, funds for audit. Judy hasn't received the taxable value, will be looking for the figures in August.

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Predator Board contracts were dropped off unsigned by Mark Husby and Chad Harrington.

Predator Board members Jeff Tauck and Matt Borchgrevink. joined the meeting with review of the predator control contracts.

The Board reviewed the 2023-2024 Budget and discussed how the Livestock protection monies could be used. The Board and Commission also touched on the per Capita tax, including the amount per head of cattle and sheep in Carter County.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 5:30 pm.

Board of County Commissioners

Carter County, Montana



Rod Tauck, Chairman

Attest: 

Clerk of the Board