

**Commission Proceedings**  
**10-10-2023**

The Board of Carter County Commissioners met in regular session on October 10, 2023, in the Carter County Commission Board Meeting Room of the Carter County Courthouse at 214 Park Street in Ekalaka, Montana. Rod Tauck, Chairman and Pamela Castleberry, member were present. Mike Watkins, Vice Chairman was absent.

The meeting was called to order at 9:00 AM by Chairman Rod Tauck.

Clerk and Recorder Judy Wright joined the meeting during public comment to update the commission on the new ambulance purchase from Apgar Ambulance. It is a 2022 diesel with a 2023 chasey for \$288,749.00. Judy would like to add a grill guard for \$1,800.00 which the Commission agreed to purchase.

Carter County Personnel Policy discussion. The Policy was updated and will sent to all employees for review with a comment period ending October 31, 2023. The Policy will be signed by the Commission after the comment Period; with signatures from employees following the commission.

The meeting was joined by County Attorney Corbit Harrington, Treasurer Jesi Pearson, and Clerk and Recorder Judy Wright. Jesi presented the Treasurers report with documents L100, L160, R100, L110.

Commissioner Castleberry made the motion to approve Resolution 10102023-01 and 10102023-02 to remove delinquent taxes in the Town of Ekalaka for 2 mobile homes owned by Jed Larson. Commissioner Tauck seconded the motion. There was no public comment and the motion carried.

There was discussion regarding survey for the Drum Rd. Attorney Harrington will present Petitions for the changes to the Drum Rd as well as the Medicine Rocks Rd. Survey for the Roads will be completed in the coming months.

The Commission discussed the statewide 95 mills vs 77.9 mills litigation with the Counties and the Montana Quality Education Coalition.

The Commission discussed the Old Hospital property future use including house and out-buildings across the street.

Commissioner Castleberry made the motion to grant amendment request for increase cost of FAA funds for hanger # AIP- 012-SF-271. Commissioner Tauck seconded the motion. There was no public comment and the motion carried.

Taylor Kuntz, Carter County Weed District Office Manager joined the meeting to share that the Fallon/Carter Spray days have been set for November 14, 2023 in Fallon Co Exhibit Hall from 8am – 4:15pm.

Commissioner Castleberry made the motion to approve the meeting minutes for September 11<sup>th</sup>, 14<sup>th</sup>, 18<sup>th</sup>, and 29<sup>th</sup>. Commissioner Tauck seconded the motion. There was no public comment and the motion carried.

There was discussion regarding the upcoming requirement for Commissioners proceedings to be recorded, audio only and posted online. Technical information maybe available from Montana Association of Counties (MACo) and Local Technical Assistance programs through Montana State University.

The meeting broke for lunch at 12:05 and reconvened at 1:03.

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Carter County Airport Board president Troy Fruit joined the meeting for the Airport Master plan discussion. Troy placed a call to Craig Canfield of KLG for an update. The Airport runway plan as been sent to the FAA for approval. Carter County received a grant to partially cover of the cost of the Master Plan.

The next steps are surveys of the location of the (AWOS) Automated surface weather observation station and runway extension as well as land easements. The FAA has approved the location for the AWOS therefore the County may request bids for the installation of the AWOS in a the next few weeks. The call ended with Craig.

Troy reported that the September 29, 2023 fly-in went well despite the wind. The Airport Board continues to improve and update the online directory, pilots lounge to promote the airport. Troy left the meeting.

County Treasurer Jesi Pierson joined the meeting where there was discussion regarding the 95 mill levy litigation. All 56 counties are named in a Writ of Mandate filed by the Montana quality Education Coalition with regard to the calculation of the statewide mill authorized by Montana Code Ann. 20-9-331,333 and 360.

The Commission discussed the Comprehensive Capital Improvement Plan and the ADAAPTA draft community engagement and replied to correspondence.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 3:05 pm.

**Board of County Commissioners**

**Carter County, Montana**

  
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**Rod Tauck, Chairman**

Attest:   
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**Clerk of the Board**