

Commission Proceedings 10-11-2022

The Board of Carter County Commissioners met in regular session on Tuesday, October 11, 2022, in the Carter County Commission Board Meeting Room of the Carter County Courthouse at 214 Park Street in Ekalaka, Montana. Steve Rosencranz, Chairman; Rod Tauck, Vice Chairman; and Mike Watkins, member was present.

The meeting was called to order at 9:00. There was no public comment.

Road and Bridge Supervisor Carl Knapp joined the meeting. He requested permission to crush gravel at the Frye Gravel Pit. Commissioner Watkins made the motion to approve advertising to crush 70,000 yards of gravel at the Frye gravel pit. Commissioner Tauck seconded the motion. There was no public comment and the motion carried.

Carl spoke with Brian Ballou regarding part time employment where they agreed that he would work 20 hrs. a week as 2 full 10-hour days. He will also provide a written documentation attesting to the hours and benefits he will no longer be eligible to receive.

There is a leak in the roof of the boiler room in the County Shop that Carl will inspect more thoroughly so that repairs can be made.

There have been several instances of hunters shooting across the Road shop property. Commissioner Watkins made the motion to place an ad in the Ekalaka Eagle stating no use of firearms on County Property. Commissioner Tauck seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Carl requested permission to install a chain link fence around the Road and Bridge property to prevent trespassing and theft. Commissioner Watkins made the motion to approve the purchase and installation of a chain link fence around the County Road Department property with key access.

Commissioner Tauck made the motion to sign the addendum to the Padden Pit Contract that would allow Willard John 10,000 yards of crushed gravel from the Padden Pit. Commissioner Watkins seconded the motion. There was no public comment and the motion carried.

Commissioner Tauck made the motion to approve the Road Easement for the Thomas Pit with Garmans. Commissioner Watkins seconded the motion. There was no public comment and the motion carried.

Commissioner Watkins made a motion to approve the Airport COVID-19 Grant, Airport Rescue Grant and the CBDG Block Grant. Commissioner Tauck seconded the motion. There was no public comment and the motion carried.

The commission conducted one of three interviews for the position of Event Center Coordinator. The position would be part time, 5 hours per week with pay at \$20.67 per hour.

This was followed by a brief interview for the Airport Manager position.

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Airport Board president Troy Fruit joined the meeting where there was a brief discussion of the duties and expectations of the Airport Manager. Commissioner Tauck made the motion to hire Justin Stieg for the position of Airport Manager with his wage set at \$20.67 and hours not to exceed 600 hours per year. Commissioner Watkins seconded the motion. There was no public comment and the motion carried unanimously. Troy left the meeting.

The commission contacted Shelli Isle of the Brownfield Coalition. She recommends looking into technical assistance for the old hospital projects. There is assistance and grant funds available for planning and public outreach. She will provide more information in coming days.

The meeting broke for lunch at 11:55 am and was called to order at 1:00 pm.

The commission conducted the second interview for the Event Center Coordinator.

Commissioner Rosencranz made the motion to nominate Commissioner Tauck as the Environmental Certifying Official for the CDBG grant. Commissioner Watkins seconded the nomination. There was no public comment and the motion carried.

County Treasurer Jesi Pierson joined the meeting with Journal Vouchers for 07-22-2022 through 09-22-2022. She also presented Interest allocations, bank fee postings, court fund transfers account reconciliations and motor vehicle collections and payroll postings. Jesi left the meeting.

Commissioner Watkins made the motion to approve the meeting minutes for September 30, 2022. Commissioner Tauck seconded the motion. There was no public comment and the motion carried.

The Commissioners conducted the third interview for the Event Center Coordinator. Following the interview Commissioner Rosencranz made the motion to offer the position to Kristy Bruce as the permanent part-time Event Center Coordinator for 5 hours per week and the temporary part time custodian at the Courthouse for up to two hours a day, until such time as the position can be filled. Commissioner Watkins seconded the motion. There was no public comment and the motion carried.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 3:45 pm.

Board of County Commissioners

Carter County, Montana



Steve Rosencranz, Chairman

Attest: 
Clerk of the Board