

**Commission Proceedings
12-11-2023**

The Board of Carter County Commissioners met in regular session on Monday, December 11, 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.

The meeting was called to order by chairman Rod Tauck.

There was no public comment.

Road and Bridge Supervisor Carl Knapp joined the meeting with a request to order new gravel haul trucks. Commissioner Watkins made the motion to advertise for bids to purchase 2 new 2024 trucks. There was a discussion about the mechanical conditions and age of the current fleet of trucks. Commissioner Castleberry seconded the motion and the motion carried. Carl left the meeting.

The Airport Board, Chairman Troy Fruit, Greg Harris and Steve Summers, Justin Stieg and County attorney Corbit Harrington. Joining the meeting on line: Craig Canfield and Justin Zindell of KLJ Engineering as well as Tracy Stoner from the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) joined the Commission for the AWOS III P/T pre-design meeting.

The Ekalaka Airport Master Plan has been approved by the FAA.

The proposed location for the AWOS III P/T is just off Airport property and will require property and air space easements from adjacent landowners. The approximate cost of the project will be \$380,000.00 including construction and engineering with majority of funding coming from Grant funds.

Construction is tentatively set for 2024. The Airport will own the AWOS III P/T with the requirement of a regular inspection and yearly FFA certification. The guests left the meeting at 11:30 AM.

Commissioner Watkins made a motion to approve the Commissioners Proceedings from November 30th and December 04, 2023. Commissioner Castleberry seconded the motion. There was no public comment and the motion carried.

The petition to alter County right of way, and portion of county road and to vacate former right of way and portion of Medicine Rocks Road has been signed by Petitioners i. e. Freeholders and received by the Carter County Commission.

The meeting broke for lunch at 12:00, and was called to order at 1:00 pm. Present for the meeting was Dahl Memorial CEO Ryan Tooke and DMHC Board Chair Georgia Bruski; and County Attorney Corbit Harrington.

Commissioner Watkins made the motion to approve the IT room agreement between the County and Dahl Memorial. Commissioner Castleberry seconded the motion. There was no public comment and the motion carried.

Ryan presented the Quarterly report that included Quality control, risk management and policy updates, as well as financial reports.


Chairman Rod Tauck signed the interlocal agreement for the Region 1 opioid settlement.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 2:30 PM.

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Rod Tauck, Chairman

Attest: 

Clerk of the Board