

**Commission Proceedings**  
**12-27-2022**

The Board of Carter County Commissioners met in regular session on Tuesday December 27, 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 AM. There was no public comment.

The Commission read the Hospital Generator Feasibility Study prepared by Slate Architecture. The Commission Placed a call to Direct Electric with a request to review the current upgrade options.

Guests included Dahl Memorial staff CEO Ryan Tooke, Carla Dowdy PA-C, Elizabeth Barth, Jalynn Dyke. Clerk and Recorder Pam Castleberry, Deputy Clerk, Recorder Judy Wright, Attorney Corbit Harrington. The Dahl Memorial staff informed the Commission that Dahl Memorial Health Care Associations critical access designation requires that they provide the same standard of care 24 hours a day. The lack of emergency power during the last 3 major weather events made it apparent that the current generator is not meeting the required demands nor will the options that have been provided in the current feasibility study. After more discussion, Dahl Memorial will provide an emergency power needs assessment for the January 3<sup>rd</sup> Commissioners meeting.

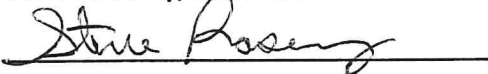
Commissioner Watkins made the motion to sign the letter to Ryerson's regarding the Durm Road Petition. Commissioner Tauck seconded the motion. there was no public comment and the motion carried.

Public Health Officer proposal – Health Nurse Kirstie Nelson and Public Health Manager Stefanie Harrington joined the meeting in person. Health Nurse Trish Loughlin joined by phone. Clerk and Recorder Pam Castleberry, Deputy Clerk and Recorder Judy Wright and Attorney Corbit Harrington where also present. The written proposal that was presented outlined Kirstie and Trish sharing the duties of Public Health Officer. Montana Department of Public Health and Human Services have approved the job share of the Public Health Office between the two nurses. The Health Department will still need a medical advisor for standing orders. The commission requested that the Carter County Health Department present the proposal to the Health Board for recommendation and following that the Commissioners. There as been no finalization of the process to obtain credentialing for the Carter County Health Department at this time.

There being no further business the meeting adjourned at 12:00 pm.

**Board of County Commissioners**

**Carter County, Montana**



**Steve Rosencranz Chairman**

**Attest:**



**Clerk of the Board**