

Commission Proceedings
03-29-2024

The Board of Carter County Commissioners met in regular session on Friday, March 29, 2024, 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 at 9:00 AM by Chairman Rod Tauck.

Justice of The Peace Kathy Rosencranz and Deputy Justice of the Peace Reta Malenovsky joined the meeting. Judge Rosencranz requested a letter from the commissioners to Summit National Bank to facilitate changes to the Justice of the Peace checking account. This would include the addition of Reta. Judge Rosencranz placed a call to Auditor Bob Denning to inquire on how to proceed if Judge Rosencranz isn't available.

Clerk and Recorder Judy Wright stepped into the meeting with information on Credit Card limits.

Commissioner Watkins made the motion to approve claims in the amount of \$360,142.26 and payroll in the amount of \$262,021.02. Commissioner Castleberry seconded the motion. There was no public comment and the motion carried.

The Commissioners signed a letter authorizing Justice of The Peace Kathy Rosencranz to update the Justice Court Summit Bank Account according to the Montana Supreme Court Standards.

Attorney Harrington and Clerk and Recorder Judy Wright joined the meeting. The Commissioners received a certified letter from Attorney Batterman representing Alvin Cordell. He his requested the county stop the Durm RD project. There is currently a court order from District Court to maintain the Road.

The Commission reviewed the veto override letter from MACo. For the Montana House Bill 442. There was no action taken.

The meeting broke for lunch 12:00 and reconvened at 1:00.

The Carter County Museum Executive Director Sabre Moore PH.D. and Curator Nathan Carroll PH.D. joined the meeting. The Museum hired The Bannack Group LLC to help facilitate the Museum Expansion Project. The Museum paid \$6,500.00/ month for the first three months of the \$78,000 a year. Sabre requested a budget transfer from Capital Outlay for the services provided by The Bannack Group LLC. Commissioner Watkins made the motion to transfer \$39,000. From Capital Outlay for the Bannack LLC Services. Commissioner Castleberry seconded the motion. There was no public comment and the motion carried.

There was discussion about the Geology of the Southern area of the County and the CO2 sequestration project as well as some ideas for displays to be placed in area business during the museum expansion project. Sabre and Nathan left the meeting.

Weed Coordinator Stephan Livingston and Administrative Assistant Taylor Kuntz joined the meeting to update the Commission on last weeks Weed Board meeting. The Weed Board request approval to a pay increase for seasonal Weed Crew employees. Commissioner Watkins made the motion to approve the Weed Crew limited Operator to \$18.00/ hour and the Operator to \$20.00/ hour. Commissioner Castleberry seconded the motion. There was no public comment and the motion carried.

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Taylor presented an updated job description and an ad for the Seasonal Weed Crew positions. She requested the Board members and terms be listed on the website. Recognition of Board Members was a topic of discussion. There is no official recognition of service for the County Board members at this time.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 3:00 PM

Board of County Commissioners

Carter County, Montana



Rod Tauck, Chairman *Acting 4/8/24*

Attest: 

Clerk of the Board
